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Washington, D.C. 20005
Email: foia@americanoversight.org

**RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2018-DA-05862-F
Final Response**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to the August 24, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Departmental FOIA Office (DFO). Your request sought all records provided to Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman or other members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in response to Representative Watson Coleman's November 14, 2017 letter to Rebeckah Adcock.

Your request has been processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A search for the response letter to Representative Watson Coleman was conducted in the Office of the Executive Secretariat's (OES) Enterprise Correspondence Management Module (ECMM). ECMM manages correspondence and other documents from initial receipt through completion and archival storage. Correspondence includes inquiries from the public, private, political, and internal sectors, from the beginning of an inquiry up to and including the resolution and response back to the originator. The ECMM search identified a responsive one-page letter that was sent to Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman on May 29, 2018. The letter is being released in full, with no FOIA exemptions applied.

The DFO conducted an additional search for responsive records in its FOIA records filing system, an electronic shared drive that contains DFO records, including responses the office has released to FOIA requesters. The DFO search located eleven (11) pdf files, containing nine hundred and fourteen (914) pages of responsive records. The files are being released to you exactly as they were provided on May 29th to Representative Watson Coleman.

You may appeal this response by email at USDAFOIA@ocio.usda.gov, or by mail to the Assistant Secretary for Administration at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Whitten Building, Room 209-A, Washington, D.C. 20250-0103. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The DFO will not consider appeals received after the 90 calendar day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above, a copy of the original request, the DFO's response to your original request, and a statement explaining the basis of your appeal. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Please note that your right to appeal does not extend to the redactions applied to previously released records that are included in your responsive files. The right to appeal those redactions belonged to the respective requesters in those cases.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Christine Jordan at 202-772-9091 or electronically at Christine.Jordan@ocio.usda.gov or USDAFOIA@ocio.usda.gov. You may seek dispute resolution services from the DFO's FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Ravoyne Payton at USDAFOIA@ocio.usda.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll-free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The DFO Team appreciates the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexis R. Graves

Alexis R. Graves
Departmental FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Information Officer

Enclosure: Responsive Letter (1 page)
Responsive DFO Records (914 pages)



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MAY 29 2018

The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman
U.S. House of Representatives
1535 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Watson Coleman:

Thank you for your letter of November 14, 2017, regarding the testimony of Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), before the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittees on Intergovernmental Affairs and Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules. We apologize for the delay in submitting this response.

USDA received several Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests seeking information about its regulatory reform efforts, including the task force. These FOIA requests involve some of the same information requested by your inquiry. Please find enclosed a copy of records, which USDA determined to release under FOIA.

In the interest of transparency, the scope of these FOIA records goes above and beyond the subject of your inquiry. The contents of these records include, but are not limited to: (1) the formation of the taskforce; (2) the list of task force members as of July 12, 2017; (3) taskforce deliverables; and (4) Ms. Adcock's correspondence with outside entities identified by FOIA requesters, including CropLife officials, representatives, or agents, between April 24, 2017 and November 7, 2017, and record of any meetings with such entities. The enclosed records also contain copies of email messages relating to the taskforce from September 1, 2017, through November 14, 2017.

We take transparency seriously at USDA and note your concern about the release of the USDA regulatory reform task force list. It is important to clarify that, at no time did Ms. Adcock refuse to provide the task force member names to the Committee, nor do we have any knowledge of any other USDA employee refusing to provide the list. We have reviewed the testimony of Ms. Adcock and the record does not reflect that she refused to provide the list. However, the Office of Congressional Relations did provide it to Committee staff on November 14, and the list is public.

Regarding the meeting with which your letter inquires, all appointees at USDA are subject to the White House Ethics Pledge to which we believe she adhered.

Thank you for your inquiry. If you have any further questions, please have a member of your staff contact the Office of Congressional Relations at (202) 720-7095.

Sincerely,

Ken Barbic
Assistant Secretary for
Office of Congressional Relations

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
To: [Young, Mike - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Jones, Diem-Linh - OBPA](#)
Subject: FW: New EO with requirements and due dates
Date: Monday, February 27, 2017 6:53:41 PM

Sec. 3. Regulatory Reform Task Forces. (a) Each agency shall establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force composed of:

- (i) the agency RRO; (b)(5) pre-decisional/
deliberative
- (ii) the agency Regulatory Policy Officer designated under section 6(a)(2) of Executive Order 12866;
- (iii) a representative from the agency's central policy office or equivalent central office (b)(5) pre-decisional/
deliberative and (b)(5) pre-decisional/
deliberative
- (iv) for agencies listed in section 901(b)(1) of title 31, United States Code, at least three additional senior agency officials as determined by the agency head. (b)(5) pre-decisional/
deliberative (b)(5) pre-decisional/
deliberative

(d) Each Regulatory Reform Task Force shall evaluate existing regulations (as defined in section 4 of Executive Order 13771) and make recommendations to the agency head regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification, consistent with applicable law. (b)(5) pre-decisional/
deliberative

(g) Within 90 days of the date of this order, and on a schedule determined by the agency head thereafter, each Regulatory Reform Task Force shall provide a report to the agency head detailing the agency's progress toward the following goals (b)(5) pre-decisional/
deliberative

(b)(5) pre-decisional/
deliberative

(i) improving implementation of regulatory reform initiatives and policies pursuant to section 2 of this order; and

(ii) identifying regulations for repeal, replacement, or modification.

(a) Agencies listed in section 901(b)(1) of title 31, United States Code, **shall incorporate in their annual performance plans** (required under the Government Performance and Results Act, as amended (see 31 U.S.C. 1115(b))), performance indicators that measure progress toward the two goals listed in section 3(g) of this order. Within 60 days of the date of this order, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (Director) shall issue guidance regarding the implementation of this subsection.

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Poe, Michael - OBPA <Michael.Poe@obpa.usda.gov>

Subject: New EO with requirements and due dates

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/02/24/presidential-executive-order-enforcing-regulatory-reform-agenda>

Andrew Perry
Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Division
Office of Budget and Program Analysis, USDA
(202) 720-1276

From: Holder, Deirdre - FSA Washington, DC
To: [Pete Michael - OBP](#)
Subject: new EO 13777 - Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda
Date: Thursday, March 02, 2017 3:21:37 PM
Attachments: [EO 13777.pdf](#)
[EO 13777.pdf](#)
[EO 13563.pdf](#)
[EO 12866.pdf](#)

Mike – Thanks for the call and the heads up about the spring agenda – I'll update ROCIS to be prepared.

As I mentioned, I've attached the new Executive Order (signed and in the news Friday and published yesterday in the Federal Register). To keep everything handy, I've attached the other EOs that it references. I need to get information out to FSA management so it's helpful for me to be able to compile it to share with you, too. One of the big questions I expect to need to be able to tell others in FSA is how we will implement the requirements of the EO in USDA overall versus in the individual USDA agencies. I assume

(b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

I attached the published copy of EO 13777 – in addition, in EO 13777, section 2(a)(i) refers to EO 13771, section 2(a)(iii) refers to section 6 of EO 13563, and section 2(a)(ii) refers to EO 12866 – so I attached a copy of each of those EOs.

Here is a link to section 901(b)(1) of title 31, which is mentioned in EO 13777 section 3(a)(iv) and section 4(a) – USDA is included in the list of agencies

http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?hl=false&edition=prelim&req_granuleid%3AUSC-prelim-title31-section901&num_0&saved_%7CKHRpdGxIQjMxIHNY3Rpb246OTAxIGVkaXRpb246cHJlbGltKS8PUiAoZ3JlbmVsZWk0VjQyIwcmVsaW0tdGltbGUzM51zZWNOaW9uOTAxKQ%3D%3D%7CdHJIZXNvcnQ%3D%7C%7Cfalse%7Cprelim

Deirdre Holder
 FSA EPAS Regulatory Review Group Director
 (202) 205-5851
 3748-SB

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
To: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#)
Subject: RE: New economist in ORACBA
Date: Thursday, March 02, 2017 3:38:39 PM

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

Chris Z.

-----Original Message-----

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
 Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 3:36 PM
 To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
 Subject: Re: New economist in ORACBA

Great!

I'm ready to have at it.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 2, 2017, at 2:34 PM, Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

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> We will need to (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

(b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

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> Chris Z.

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> From: Abbott, Linda - OCE

> Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 2:28 PM

> To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>

> Cc: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>

> Subject: New economist in ORACBA

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> Chris,

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(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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- > Linda Abbott
- > Director
- > Office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis Office of the
- > Chief Economist United States Department of Agriculture Room 4032S
- > 1400 Independence Ave., SW
- > Washington, DC 20250-3811
- >
- > 202.720.8022 phone
- > 202.720.1815 fax
- >
- > <SCBA Abbott.pptx>

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#)
Subject: FW: Two for one / zero cost regulation policy
Date: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 1:01:12 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Rollback.pptx](#)

Chris,

Did you have any feedback on (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative ?
(b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

(b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative ?

Rob

From: Feather, Peter - OCE
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Johansson, Robert - OCE; Preston, Warren - OCE; Zehren, Chris - OBPA; Effland, Anne - OCE; Golan, Elise - OCE
Cc: Staiert, Jim - OBPA; Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Subject: Two for one / zero cost regulation policy

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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Here's Power Point that
might be useful to help think about this. Thanks – Peter.

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
To: [Poe, Michael - OBPA](#); [Hetrick, Julie - OBPA](#); [Pope-Trice, Karolynne - OBPA](#); [Paz, Veronica - OBPA](#)
Subject: Fwd: Two for one / zero cost regulation policy
Date: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 1:03:36 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Rollback.pptx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Feather, Peter - OCE" <PFeather@oce.usda.gov>
Date: March 8, 2017 at 12:56:34 PM EST
To: "Johansson, Robert - OCE" <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>, "Preston, Warren - OCE" <wpreston@oce.usda.gov>, "Zehren, Chris - OBPA" <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>, "Effland, Anne - OCE" <aeffland@oce.usda.gov>, "Golan, Elise - OCE" <egolan@oce.usda.gov>
Cc: "Staiert, Jim - OBPA" <Jim.Staiert@obpa.usda.gov>, "Perry, Andrew - OBPA" <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: Two for one / zero cost regulation policy

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

Here's Power Point that might be useful to help think about this. Thanks – Peter.

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
To: [Smith, Mark - OBPA](#); [York, Kent - OBPA](#); [Staiert, Jim - OBPA](#); [Nelson, Christopher - OBPA](#)
Cc: [Bice, Don - OBPA](#)
Subject: EO 1377 -- USDA Interpretation
Date: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 5:56:16 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Rollback.pptx](#)
[EO 1377 -- USDA Interpretation.docx](#)

Please review and add anything that we need to stake out a position on. (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
(b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative Peter Feather and a guy from DOT did
the powerpoint. I have asked Peter (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
(b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

Chris Z.

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
To: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Subject: RE: Task force
Date: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:56:02 PM

Nothing to report.

-----Original Message-----

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: Task force

Chris, can you update me on the reg task force? Thx rob

Sent from my iPhone

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Bice, Don - OBPA](#)
Subject: RE: 911
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:41:41 PM

Yep

From: Bice, Don - OBPA
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: 911

Im supposed to be with Abbey et al briefing on the trade etc at noon maybe 1:00ish?

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: 911

Have mtgs 9-10 and 3pm call (so far). Can make all other times work:

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On May 10, 2017, at 4:22 PM, Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

Do you want to do 9:00 tomorrow?

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: 911

- Initial "777" Report to Secretary Due May 24/25
- Report and Package of Actions for WH Jobs Month by end of June

Need to set up time (possibly recurring) to get the RRTF set up asap (so, ID right mix of people) and begin drafting initial "here what we know so far and the plan moving forward" report...yesterday!

Can you meet later today or tomorrow? Ideally, would like to

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– ambitious

but necessary.

Add whomever else needs to me on this communication re planning on Reg Reform.

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Office: 202-690-2464
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

From: Bice, Don - OBPA
To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#)
Subject: FW: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:12:36 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
Importance: High

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines
Importance: High

1. **THURSDAY, MAY 11** – On behalf of OSEC, OBPA to invite (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
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2. **FRIDAY, MAY 12, pm, Whitten 202 A** – (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
 (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
3. **COB Monday, MAY 15** – (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
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4. **Wed, MAY 17 or Thurs, May 18** – (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
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6. **Week of May 22** – (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
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It's ambitious, but gonna try to make it work.



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From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#)
Subject: Re: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:32:37 PM

No argument from me - just let me know what you need.

Any clarity in (b)(5) Pre-decisional/
Deliberative ?

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On May 11, 2017, at 7:31 PM, Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

We've been working on FNS stuff. I am not going to rush this other stuff out without making sure we are 100 percent sure about it. Friday rushes like that just end up in a wreck later.

CZ

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:30 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

Okay something happens after I left?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 11, 2017, at 7:29 PM, Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

That's not going to happen.

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:23 PM
To: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

We can try to (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative .

I'll need (b)(5) Pre-decisional/
Deliberative
 Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On May 11, 2017, at 5:12 PM, Bice, Don - OBPA
<Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines
Importance: High

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Bice, Don - OBPA](#)
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 5:11:52 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Let me know if feasible to start this timeline next week?

Reb

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
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To: [Trollinger, Shelia - OSEC](#)
Cc: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#)
Subject: FW: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 11:26:27 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

See email from Rebeckah that she is free after 2:00. I will be on the hill from 1:40 until about 4:30. Chris Z has my proxy.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

Yes, that works for me – I am open after 2 pm, if you are?

Reb

From: Bice, Don - OBPA
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

Yes, I can have Sheila set up a time for the acting subcabinet to meet today if that works for you.

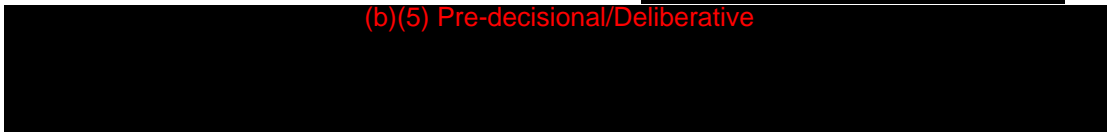
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From: Bice, Don - OBPA
To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#)
Subject: FW: Enforcing the Reg Reform Agenda (EO13777) Meeting Under-Cab Meeting, Today May 15 @ 2pm (Setting Up RRTF)
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:24:07 PM
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Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:30:37 PM

I was hoping you would say that. You it is.

Thanks and good luck on the Hill.

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Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:30 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
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Got it. Do you think (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative ?

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On May 15, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

I've got two briefings this afternoon (2:00 with appropriators and 3:15 with House authorizers) on the May 11 announcement. Chris Z will be attending for me.

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To: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#)
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To: [Cullo, Diane - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Hafemeister, Jason - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Jackson, Yvette - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Shea, Kevin - APHIS](#); [Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Glendenning, Roger - RD, Washington, DC](#); [Scott, Winona - ASCR](#); [Bartuska, Ann - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Shorter, Malcom - DM](#); [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
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Diane –

Forgive the short notice, but I am hoping you can sit in at 2 pm to hear this first under-cabinet focused heads up about establishing a reg reform task force within USDA. Mostly, an FYI and request for (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative Given your work area, please attend if it suits.

Rebeckah

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Where: 221-A

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Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:42:37 PM
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From: York, Kent - OBPA
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Enforcing the Reg Reform Agenda (EO13777) Meeting Under-Cab Meeting, Today May 15 @ 2pm (Setting Up RRTF)

Are you wanting us to attend?

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Smith, Mark - OBPA <Mark.Smith@obpa.usda.gov>; Staiert, Jim - OBPA <Jim.Staiert@obpa.usda.gov>; York, Kent - OBPA <kent.york@obpa.usda.gov>; Nelson, Christopher - OBPA <chris.nelson@obpa.usda.gov>
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To: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#)
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Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 1:06:29 PM

Yes. To observe.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 15, 2017, at 12:50 PM, Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

Should I attend?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 15, 2017, at 12:34 PM, Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Enforcing the Reg Reform Agenda (EO13777) Meeting Under-Cab Meeting, Today May 15 @ 2pm (Setting Up RRTF)
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 1:19:28 PM
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Chris Z.

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Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 6:25:24 PM

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On May 15, 2017, at 5:02 PM, Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

Nothing to report back. She basically just asked for names of people to serve on the Task Force.

Chris Z.

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To: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 5:36:00 PM

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Chris Z.

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 5:33 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative ?

Rob

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 5:06 PM
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Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bice, Don - OBPA
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

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Thanks,

Chris Z.

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Importance: High

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
To: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Subject: Fwd: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 7:31:44 PM

First one in.

Chris Z.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hafemeister, Jason - OSEC, Washington, DC"
<Jason.Hafemeister1@osec.usda.gov>
Date: May 15, 2017 at 6:56:02 PM EDT
To: "Zehren, Chris - OBPA" <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: "Bice, Don - OBPA" <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
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Plus Chris

jh

From: Hafemeister, Jason - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 6:54 PM
To: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Graham, Kimberly - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kimberly.Graham@osec.usda.gov>;
Holder, Deirdre - FSA, Washington, DC <Deirdre.Holder@wdc.usda.gov>
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Hi Don, Kim and Deidre,

Sorry for the computer misfire.

FFAS would like to have (b)(5) pre-decisional/
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Thanks

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Yes.

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
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Rob

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Second one in. I don't know any of these people.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:16 AM
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Thank you!

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From: Cullo, Diane - OSEC, Washington, DC
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To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
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Rebeckah:

My recommendations for participants on the Task Force are:

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Thank you.

Diane



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Hello there, Chris and Don!

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Thank you for the opportunity to send our best and brightest!

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Subject: FW: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

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FNCS is nominating (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA

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To: Hafemeister, Jason - OSEC, Washington, DC <Jason.Hafemeister1@osec.usda.gov>; Jackson, Yvette - OSEC, Washington, DC <Yvette.Jackson@osec.usda.gov>; Shea, Kevin - APHIS <Kevin.A.Shea@aphis.usda.gov>; Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov>; Glendenning, Roger - RD, Washington, DC <Roger.Glendenning@wdc.usda.gov>; Scott, Winona -ASCR <Winona.Scott@osec.usda.gov>; Bartuska, Ann - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ann.Bartuska@osec.usda.gov>; Shorter, Malcom - DM <Malcom.Shorter@osec.usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>
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Please send your nominations for the task force to Don Bice (Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov) and Chris Zehren (Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov) by Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Thanks,

Chris Z.

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Subject: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

When: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: 221-A

Importance: High

From: Rottenberg, Carmen - FSIS
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Filloon, Brett - FSIS](#); [LeConte, Cara - FSIS](#); [Almanza, Al - FSIS](#)
Subject: RRTF FSIS nominees
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:47:08 PM
Attachments: [RRTF FSIS nominees.docx](#)

Rebeckah:

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate FSIS candidates to the Department's Regulatory Reform Task Force. I've discussed with Al Almanza, and we believe (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative would serve the Agency and Department well on this initiative. Please find short write-ups (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative and let us know if you need anything additional.

Thanks again!

Carmen

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Subject: FW: Regulatory Reform Working Group
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:56:24 PM

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Subject: Regulatory Reform Working Group

OBPA,

Please see (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative RD (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative that are recommended to assist in the Regulatory Reform Working Group with (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative and Rebekah Adcock from OSEC. As requested, a summary of qualifications related to regulatory development is included (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

Thanks,
Scott

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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From: Scott, Winona -ASCR
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
Subject: Candidates for the RRTF
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:08:48 PM

Good afternoon Rebeckah –

Per your request, please find the names (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to serve on the Regulatory Reform Task Force. (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Thank you, Winona

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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From: Esch, Michele - ARS
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Cc: [Bartuska, Ann - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Regulatory Reform TF
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 5:33:48 PM

Don and Chris,

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deliberative

Please see below for the Regulatory Reform Task Force.

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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Since this will also include organizational reform, we will want to include someone from AFM. I'll send a name soon.

Thanks!
Michele

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REE recommends:

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Cc: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#)
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Yes reach out to OMB.

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Very important to have you on board! Thank you!



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From: Bussells, Sue - OCIO
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

Rebeckah,

I am your IT rep as of yesterday for the RRTF. I wanted to reach out to you to see what I can do to help make this as successful as possible. I have a very diverse background that should benefit your efforts.

Things like (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative may be something you have or thought of and I wanted to see what I can do to help.

Feel free to reach out to me by email or cell to discuss.

Thanks,
 Sue

Sue E. Bussells

Executive Officer, Enterprise Management
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W. | Washington, D.C. 20250
Phone: 202.690.0064 | Mobile: (b) (6)

From: Nelson, Christopher - OBPA
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Bussells, Sue - OCIO <Sue.Bussells@ocio.usda.gov>; Briscoe, Johanna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Johanna.Briscoe@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Shorter, Malcom - DM <Malcom.Shorter@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

Rebekah Adcock from OSEC is the Regulatory Reform Officer for USDA.

Chris Nelson
Office of Budget and Program Analysis
(202) 690-2824

From: Bussells, Sue - OCIO
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Briscoe, Johanna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Johanna.Briscoe@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Nelson, Christopher - OBPA <chris.nelson@obpa.usda.gov>; Shorter, Malcom - DM <Malcom.Shorter@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

Johanna – do we know who the Regulatory Reform Officer is based on the agency requirements in the EO?

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/02/24/presidential-executive-order-enforcing-regulatory-reform-agenda>

Thanks,
Sue

From: Bussells, Sue - OCIO
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Alboum, Jonathan - OCIO <Jonathan.Alboum@ocio.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

Yes. He mentioned it to me yesterday.

From: Alboum, Jonathan - OCIO
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 5:34 PM
To: Bussells, Sue - OCIO <Sue.Bussells@ocio.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

FYI...Malcom specifically asked for you to be on this team.

Thanks,

Jonathan

On May 16, 2017, at 4:28 PM, Briscoe, Johanna - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Johanna.Briscoe@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Hello there, Chris and Don!

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Thank you for the opportunity to send our best and brightest!

Johanna "Jeleen" Briscoe, VMD
Acting Chief of Staff
Acting Director for Asian American and Pacific Islander Affairs
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From: Shorter, Malcom - DM
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To: Briscoe, Johanna - OSEC, Washington, DC
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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Hafemeister, Jason - OSEC, Washington, DC
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<Kevin.A.Shea@aphis.usda.gov>; Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov>; Glendenning, Roger - RD, Washington, DC
<Roger.Glendenning@wdc.usda.gov>; Scott, Winona - ASCR
<Winona.Scott@osec.usda.gov>; Bartuska, Ann - OSEC, Washington, DC

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 <Malcom.Shorter@osec.usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OCE
 <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OBPA
 <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

Please send your nominations for the task force to Don Bice
 (Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov) and Chris Zehren (Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov)
 by Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Thanks,

Chris Z.

Christopher Zehren | Deputy Director for Program Analysis| Office of Budget
 and Program Analysis
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From: Trollinger, Shelia - OSEC

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:26 PM

To: Trollinger, Shelia - OSEC; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bice,
 Don - OBPA; Zehren, Chris - OBPA; Hafemeister, Jason - OSEC, Washington,
 DC; Jackson, Yvette - OSEC, Washington, DC; Shea, Kevin - APHIS; Jiron, Dan -
 OSEC, Washington, DC; Glendenning, Roger - RD, Washington, DC; Scott,
 Winona -ASCR; Bartuska, Ann - OSEC, Washington, DC; Shorter, Malcom - DM;
 Johansson, Robert - OCE

Subject: Reg Reform Short Term Concept & Timelines

When: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time
 (US & Canada).

Where: 221-A

Importance: High

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#)
Cc: [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#)
Subject: RE: M-17-23 Guidance on Regulatory Reform Accountability under Executive Order 13777, titled "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda"
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:27:24 PM

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Rebeckah Adcock


Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

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From: Mancini, Dominic J. EOP/OMB [mailto:Dominic_J._Mancini@omb.eop.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>; amathew@doc.gov; probbins@doc.gov; patricia.toppings@whs.mil; joo.y.chung2.civ@mail.mil; elizabeth.mcfadden@ed.gov; Daniel.Cohen@hq.doe.gov; elizabeth.kohl@hq.doe.gov; ann.agnew@hhs.gov; Kenneth.Cohen@fda.hhs.gov; scott.chesemore@fda.hhs.gov; leslie.kux@fda.hhs.gov; HHSExecSec@hhs.gov; Wilma.Robinson@hhs.gov; Samuel.Shipley@hhs.gov; dhsogcregulations@hq.dhs.gov; ariel.pereira@hud.gov; aaron.santaanna@hud.gov; mark_lawyer@ios.doi.gov; juliette_lillie@ios.doi.gov; robert.hinchman@usdoj.gov; kevin.r.jones@usdoj.gov; Swirsky.Stephanie@dol.gov; kottmyeram@state.gov; mavendano@usaid.gov; heidi.cohen@treasury.gov; hanoi.veras@treasury.gov; christian.furey@treasury.gov; Michael.Shores@va.gov; Charles.R.Smith567.civ@mail.mil; corman.bicky@epa.gov; owens.nicole@epa.gov; jeremiah.strack@gsa.gov; seth.greenfeld@gsa.gov; timothy.tozer@gsa.gov; nanette.jennings@nasa.gov; cheryl.e.parker@nasa.gov; edawson@nsf.gov; Stephen.Hickman@opm.gov; Karen.Jacobs@opm.gov; Keira.Jones@opm.gov; Martin.Conrey@sba.gov; Major.Clark@sba.gov; Charles.Maresca@sba.gov; Jennifer.Smith@sba.gov; Faye.Lipsky@ssa.gov; cwhite@ftc.gov; jliu1@ftc.gov; ellen.brown@ferc.gov; charles.beamon@ferc.gov; tremaine.donnell@nrc.gov; Laura.Pearson@nrc.gov; bahman.rowhani@nrc.gov; sundar.shankar@nrc.gov; patricia.hirsch@nrc.gov; Anna.McGowan@nrc.gov; corbett.anderson@eeoc.gov; carol.miaskoff@eeoc.gov; peggy.mastroianni@eeoc.gov; sjaffe@oge.gov; rkdowell@oge.gov; linda.oliver@fcc.gov; chin.yoo@fcc.gov; ryan.yates@fcc.gov; elizabeth.lyle@fcc.gov; twood@fmc.gov; susan.ashtianie@nara.gov; Kimberly.keravuori@nara.gov; christopher.g.callanan@frb.gov; FieldsB@sec.gov; JungS@sec.gov; DeLesDernierM@sec.gov; Murphy.Deborah@pbgc.gov; Marguerite.Dadabo@rrb.gov; ShainesM@si.edu; spiegel@access-board.gov; Jacobs@access-board.gov; bwingo@sss.gov; amy.williams@osd.mil; jennjones@fdic.gov; mcabeza@fdic.gov; dwolfgang@ncua.gov; tbryant@cns.gov; aolszewski@cns.gov; eebong@ustda.gov; amy.bunk@nara.gov;

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Cc: DL-OMB-OIRA <DL-OMB-OIRA@dsr.eop.gov>

Subject: M-17-23 Guidance on Regulatory Reform Accountability under Executive Order 13777, titled "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda"

Dear Colleagues:

Please see this new guidance, available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2017/M-17-23.pdf>, from OMB/OIRA on sections 4 and 5 of Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda." The guidance addresses the performance indicators that agencies listed in 31 U.S.C. § 901(b)(1) must incorporate into their Annual Performance Plans, starting with FY 2019. We highly recommend that agency Regulatory Policy Officers and Regulatory Reform Officers (RRO) coordinate with their Performance Improvement Officers (PIOs) on implementing the guidance, and recommend you send a copy of the guidance to your PIOs. In addition, thanks to many of you who provided contact information for your agency's newly minted Regulatory Reform Officers. I have attempted to add all of them to this email distribution, but if I missed the RRO or your point of contact for this initiative, please forward.

The guidance also addresses the information OMB will need to consider agency requests for waivers from EO 13777. Please note that EO 13777 applies to all agencies subject to the regulatory review requirements of EO 12866; therefore, agencies not listed in 31 U.S.C. § 901(b)(1) but subject to EO 12866's regulatory review requirements must obtain a waiver if they are not to comply with the other, still applicable parts of EO 13777. We do note that several of your agencies have already submitted waiver requests. We are taking a close look at them now and hope to get back to you soon. For agencies who are planning on sending a waiver request, please send those to your agency's OIRA desk officer.

OIRA would be happy to answer any follow-up questions you may have about the guidance: it is probably most efficient to direct any questions to your OIRA desk officer.

Have a great weekend.

Best regards,
Dom

Dominic J Mancini
Deputy and Acting Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
202-395-5897

<List of Executive Orders.xlsx>

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
To: [Paz, Veronica - OBPA](#)
Subject: task force nominations
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:37:29 AM
Attachments: [Fwd Reg Reform Short Term Concept Timelines.msg.msg](#)
[FW Recommendations Regulatory Reform Task Force.msg.msg](#)
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From: Paz, Veronica - OBPA
To: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#)
Subject: RE: task force nominations
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:36:11 AM
Attachments: [Regulatory Task Force Nominations.xlsx](#)

Andrew,

See attached.

Thanks,

Veronica Paz
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:47:18 AM
Attachments: [Regulatory Task Force Nominations.xlsx](#)

Hi Rebeckah,

Attached is a table that captures the names and email addresses for people nominated to serve on the Regulatory Reform Task Force. I do not have names for RMA, FSIS or AMS.

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Subject: RE: M-17-23 Guidance on Regulatory Reform Accountability under Executive Order 13777, titled "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda"
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:13:11 PM

Thanks – will follow up there this week.

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:47 AM
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Attached is a table that captures the names and email addresses for people nominated to serve on the Regulatory Reform Task Force. I do not have names for RMA, FSIS or AMS.

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Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:19:21 PM
Attachments: [EO 13777 Report to the Secretary May 25 2017.docx](#)

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To: [Smith, Mark - OBPA](#); [Staiert, Jim - OBPA](#); [York, Kent - OBPA](#)
Subject: Fwd: M-17-23 Guidance on Regulatory Reform Accountability under Executive Order 13777, titled "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda"
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:49:38 PM

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC"
 <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Date: May 23, 2017 at 9:13:11 AM PDT
To: "Perry, Andrew - OBPA" <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: "Bice, Don - OBPA" <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>, "Zehren, Chris - OBPA"
 <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
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Thanks – will follow up there this week.

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Cc: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA
 <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>

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Perfect, thanks.

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 4:38 PM

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Rebeckah,

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

After submitting the draft plan, I suggest (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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Thanks,
andrew

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

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Thank you, very helpful.

I will (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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I don't have anything additional on the energy doc.

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

Rebeckah Adcock

Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On May 22, 2017, at 3:36 PM, Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

Rebeckah,

This message is about two documents: (1) the report from the Regulatory Reform Task Force to the Secretary required by Section 2(g) of EO 13777, and (2) the plan for complying with the regulatory review requirement in subsection (a) of EO 13783 that was due to OMB last Friday.

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I am currently working on a (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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If you like, I can (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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Thank you,

andrew

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OBPA –

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Understanding that it is a busy week, (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative – just let me know today.

Reb

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 7:15 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
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Rebeckah,

We will (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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I will be out of town tomorrow and all of next week (b) (6). In my absence Don and Andrew will working with you on these matters.

Chris Z.

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Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:15:45 PM
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Subject: FW: RRTF FSIS nominees
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:18:19 PM
Attachments: [RRTF FSIS nominees.docx](#)

Had this in box from FSIS

From: Rottenberg, Carmen - FSIS
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
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Subject: RRTF FSIS nominees

Rebeckah:

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate FSIS candidates to the Department's Regulatory Reform Task Force. I've discussed with Al Almanza, and we believe (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative would serve the Agency and Department well on this initiative. Please find short write-ups (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative and let us know if you need anything additional.

Thanks again!

Carmen

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Great! Thanks

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Had this in box from FSIS

From: Rottenberg, Carmen - FSIS
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:47 PM
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Rebeckah:

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate FSIS candidates to the Department's Regulatory Reform Task Force. I've discussed with Al Almanza, and we believe (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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Thanks again!

Carmen

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Subject: FW: Candidates for the RRTF
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:19:01 PM

And this one

From: Scott, Winona -ASCR
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: (b)(5) pre-decisional/
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ASCR, Washington, DC (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
Subject: Candidates for the RRTF

Good afternoon Rebeckah –

Per your request, please find the names (b)(5) pre-decisional/
deliberative from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Civil Rights to serve on the Regulatory Reform Task Force. (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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deliberative

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Thank you, Winona

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To: [Paz, Veronica - OBPA](#)
Subject: FW: RRTF FSIS nominees
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:19:12 PM
Attachments: [RRTF FSIS nominees.docx](#)

Can you update the table?

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Subject: FW: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:21:19 PM

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From: Cullo, Diane - OSEC, Washington, DC
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To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force

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To: [Paz, Veronica - OBPA](#)
Subject: more for the list
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:21:55 PM
Attachments: [FW Recommendations Regulatory Reform Task Force.msg.msg](#)
[FW Reg Reform Short Term Concept Timelines.msg.msg](#)
[FW Candidates for the RRTF.msg.msg](#)

From: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: USDA mission area reps for Task Force on Regulatory Reform Accountability under Executive Order 13777, titled "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda"
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:37:32 PM

Yes ma'am. I'm on it.

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Hi Rebeckah,

Attached is a table that captures the names and email addresses for people nominated to serve on the Regulatory Reform Task Force. I do not have names for RMA, FSIS or AMS.

Thanks,
 andrew

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Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>; amathew@doc.gov; probbins@doc.gov; patricia.toppings@whs.mil; joo.y.chung2.civ@mail.mil; elizabeth.mcfadden@ed.gov; Daniel.Cohen@hq.doe.gov; elizabeth.kohl@hq.doe.gov; ann.agnew@hhs.gov; Kenneth.Cohen@fda.hhs.gov; scott.chesemore@fda.hhs.gov; leslie.kux@fda.hhs.gov; HHSExecSec@hhs.gov; Wilma.Robinson@hhs.gov; Samuel.Shipley@hhs.gov;

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Subject: M-17-23 Guidance on Regulatory Reform Accountability under Executive Order 13777, titled "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda"

Dear Colleagues:

Please see this new guidance, available at

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2017/M-17-23.pdf>, from OMB/OIRA on sections 4 and 5 of Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda." The guidance addresses the performance indicators

that agencies listed in 31 U.S.C. § 901(b)(1) must incorporate into their Annual Performance Plans, starting with FY 2019. We highly recommend that agency Regulatory Policy Officers and Regulatory Reform Officers (RRO) coordinate with their Performance Improvement Officers (PIOs) on implementing the guidance, and recommend you send a copy of the guidance to your PIOs. In addition, thanks to many of you who provided contact information for your agency's newly minted Regulatory Reform Officers. I have attempted to add all of them to this email distribution, but if I missed the RRO or your point of contact for this initiative, please forward.

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OIRA would be happy to answer any follow-up questions you may have about the guidance: it is probably most efficient to direct any questions to your OIRA desk officer.

Have a great weekend.

Best regards,
Dom

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To: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#)
Subject: RE: more for the list
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:02:42 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Task Force Nominations.xlsx](#)

Updated.

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To: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#)
Subject: 3 docs
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:28:18 PM
Attachments: [Forest Service Review Plan EO 13783 - Promoting Energy Independence anddocx](#)
[EO 13777 Report to the Secretary May 25 2017.docx](#)
[PLAN required by Section 2c in EO 13783.docx](#)

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From: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC
To: [Hall, Galon - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: NRE reg reform
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 5:16:08 PM

Galon,

I am talking about the Regulatory Reform Task Force for the Secretary's office. Not the group that we will meet with tomorrow. We need two folks from NRCS that can well represent both NRCS and Forest Service in regulatory reform. All mission areas across USDA will be meeting soon to start a working group. So, if you can give me those two names asap!

Thanks,

Tim

From: Hall, Galon - NRCS, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:03 PM
To: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: NRE reg reform

Tim

Jennifer Eberlien, Eli Rella and myself are planning to participate in the reg reform meeting tomorrow.

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Hope this helps, call my cell if you need additional clarification.

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To: [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#); [Bice, Don - OBPA](#)
Subject: Hold for 1st Meeting of Reg Reform Task Force

Tim and I are aiming to (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative .

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Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 5:33:21 PM

Can update please?
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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:14:18 AM
Attachments: [Regulatory Task Force Nominations.xlsx](#)

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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:15:32 AM

Thank you Mike!

From: Poe, Michael - OBPA
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:13 AM
To: Paz, Veronica - OBPA <Veronica.Paz@obpa.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
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Veronica,

Bruce Summers is the acting administrator for AMS. Heather Manzano is the acting administrator for RMA.

Mike

From: Paz, Veronica - OBPA
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:40 AM
To: Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>; Poe, Michael - OBPA <Michael.Poe@obpa.usda.gov>
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Mike,

Would you know the answer to that? See below.

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Do you or Mike know the acting leadership is in AMS and RMA?

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Subject: Re: Reg Reform
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:21:51 AM

Thanks Andrew! I will reach out to them today!

Thanks,
 Tim

On May 24, 2017, at 8:20 AM, Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

Good morning Tim,

I believe it was Heather Manzano from RMA and Bruce Summers from AMS that were alerted about the task force...but I can't say for sure as it was Rebeckah who called the meeting together. I've cc'd Chris on this email as he may know for sure.

In any case, Heather and Bruce would be good people to start with.

Thanks,
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Subject: FW: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:48:31 AM

please add!

From: Manzano, Heather - RMA
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
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Subject: RE: Reg Reform
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:00:45 AM

thanks Heather gave us a name and we're waiting for an RMA rep

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Subject: Re: Reg Reform

MRP - Kevin Shea
 FS - Matthew Michael + maybe another woman who sat at the table
 FNCS - Yvette Jackson
 NRE - Don Jiron? + man and women from Forest Service (Mariel knows)
 REE - Ann Bartuska
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 DM - Malcom Shorter
 ASCR - ?
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Hello,

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Bruce Summers
Associate Administrator
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Subject: RRTF
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:32:55 PM

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From: Paz, Veronica - OBPA
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Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:37:37 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Task Force Nominations.xlsx](#)

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Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 5:37:18 PM
Attachments: [PLAN required by Section 2c in EO 13783 \(003\).docx](#)

Attached is a broad draft plan for implementing the executive orders related to regulatory reform.

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My belief is that we can

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Subject: Peer Review
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 5:45:38 PM
Attachments: [PLAN required by Section 2c in EO 13783 \(003\).docx](#)

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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:22:11 AM

Yes.

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Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:06 AM
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Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:26:21 AM

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thanks

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Subject: RE: Peer Review
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:55:08 AM
Attachments: [PLAN required by Section 2c in EO 13783 \(003\) \(002\).docx](#)

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Subject: Try this RE: Join the Regulatory Reform Task Force for Inaugural Meeting Wed, May 31st at 2:30pm
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:33:04 PM
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To: Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Final version of Reg Report for OMB and Secretary

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You will see that invite come thru in next 24 hours.

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:28 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
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Hi Rebeckah,

I have no content changes to add and the format is entirely up to you as OIRA confirmed they did not have a preference on format.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks,
andrew

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Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:06 PM

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Attached is the final report as discussed for content. [REDACTED]

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Thanks, Reb



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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Submission of Regulatory Reform Report to the Secretary
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:55:43 PM
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To: [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Try this RE: Join the Regulatory Reform Task Force for Inaugural Meeting Wed, May 31st at 2:30pm
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:03:15 PM

Probably should come from me.

On it

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Ok perfect! Do you want me to send that out or are you going to send it out??

Tim

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Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RRTF INVITE

Rebeckah,

Below is the invite to send out.

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Let me know of any changes to be made.

Thanks,

Tim

Tim A. Page

NRCS

Confidential Assistant to the Chief

O: 202-720-0357

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Cc: [Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Submission of Regulatory Reform Report to the Secretary
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 6:41:10 PM
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Thank you!

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To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Inaugural Meeting of USDA Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF)
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 1:53:48 PM

Perfect. Let me know what works for you.

Reed D. Rubinstein, Esq.

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 Reed.Rubinstein@ogc.usda.gov

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Rubinstein, Reed - OGC <Reed.Rubinstein@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Inaugural Meeting of USDA Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF)

Let's find time on Tuesday?

From: Rubinstein, Reed - OGC
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Inaugural Meeting of USDA Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF)

Rebeckah - - I will be out of the office next Wednesday and Thursday and am unable to attend. Please let me know when you might be free to speak by phone to discuss.

Thanks.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 11:09 AM

To: Rubinstein, Reed - OGC; Vaden, Stephen - OGC

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Chris Z.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 5:16 PM

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Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: For RRTF 05 31 17
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 3:40:13 PM
Attachments: [Enforcing the Reg Reform Agenda for RRTF 05 31 17.docx](#)

RRTF Issue Paper attached

Template for OSEC papers attached

Agenda draft text below

Draft Agenda

USDA Regulatory Reform Task Force

May 31, 2017

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From: Smith, Mark - OBPA
To: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#)
Cc: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#)
Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:50:29 PM

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Mark

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Smith, Mark - OBPA <Mark.Smith@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Mark,

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thanks

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:40 PM
To: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
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Thanks,
andrew

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Subject: Re: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 5:05:48 PM

Yes tomorrow at 2:30

Sent from my iPhone

On May 30, 2017, at 4:51 PM, Smith, Mark - OBPA <Mark.Smith@obpa.usda.gov> wrote:

Andrew,
 Is there a reg task force mtg anytime soon?
 Thanks,
 Mark

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Smith, Mark - OBPA <Mark.Smith@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Mark,

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To: [Smith, Mark - OBPA](#); [Nelson, Christopher - OBPA](#); [York, Kent - OBPA](#); [Johnson, Bradley - OBPA](#)
Cc: [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#); [Staiert, Jim - OBPA](#)
Subject: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 5:12:11 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Task Force Nominations.xlsx](#)

The meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 2:30 in 200-A. Please plan to attend if your schedule permits.

Chris Z.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Jeanquart, Bobbi - DM](#)
Subject: Re: info
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:50:17 AM
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Good morning, Bobbi. Sorry you can't join us for this meeting but, yes, please do send a sub for this meeting.

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Rebeckah Adcock
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On May 30, 2017, at 5:59 PM, Jeanquart, Bobbi - DM <Bobbi.Jeanquart@dm.usda.gov> wrote:

Hi,

I was named to the regulatory reform task force but will be unable to attend the first meeting. I am meeting with OMB regarding the personnel section of the Reform plan at that time. Is it possible to send a substitute. As an alternative I could get a debrief from one of the members.

One question I had wanted to raise is (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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Thanks – I look forward to participating at future meetings.

Bobbi

Roberta Jeanquart
Chief Human Capital Officer
Office of Human Resources Management
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Room 318W
Phone 202 720-3585
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From: [Perry, Andrew](#) - OBPA on behalf of [Adcock, Rebeckah](#) - OSEC, Washington, DC

To: [Daly, Erin](#) - NIFA; [Parker, Charlene](#) - OCIO; [Page, Tim A.](#) - NRCS, Washington, DC; [Brown, Ruth](#) - OCIO; [Zehren, Chris](#) - OBPA; [Perry, Andrew](#) - OBPA; [Bice, Don](#) - OBPA; [Cullo, Diane](#) - OSEC, Washington, DC; [Holmes, Phyllis](#) - OSEC; [Quinn, Cameron](#) - ASCR, Washington, DC; [Stroman, Anna](#) - ASCR, Washington, DC; [Bussells, Sue](#) - OCIO; [Jeanquart, Bobbi](#) - DM; [Graham, Kimberly](#) - OSEC, Washington, DC; [Holder, Deirdre](#) - FSA, Washington, DC; [Lanclos, Kent](#) - RMA; [Lucas, Richard](#) - FNS; [Nintemann, Terri](#) - FSIS; [Michael, Matthew](#) - FSIS; [Summers, Bruce](#) - AMS; [Gregoire, Michael C](#) - APHIS; [Eberlien, Jennifer](#) - FS; [Hall, Galon](#) - NRCS, Washington, DC; [Williams, Scott](#) - RD, Washington, DC; [Jermolowicz, Andrew](#) - RD, Washington, DC; [Trollinger, Shelia](#) - OSEC; [Shuford, Campbell](#) - OSEC, Washington, DC

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Erin, Charlene and Ruth,

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Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 12:51:27 PM

FYI

From: Preston, Warren - OCE
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Abbott, Linda - OCE <LAbbott@oce.usda.gov>; Hillier, Troy - OCE <THillier@oce.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Inaugural Meeting of USDA Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF)

Hi Chris,

Thanks for forwarding the meeting request. I plan to attend and have forwarded to Troy Hillier in ORACBA too.

Warren

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA **On Behalf Of** Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Johansson, Robert - OCE; Preston, Warren - OCE
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Cc: [Carrington, Karen - OGC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
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Rebeckah

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Please ensure that the Secretary is aware of the report's submission and that a copy is made available should he request it.

Kindly,



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Thanks for the opportunity to review.

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Rebeckah –

Sorry to trouble you. hope job is going well.

Are you the designated ‘regulatory reform officer’ for USDA under EO 13777? Have heard indirectly that you are but am checking to find out who is doing that at USDA and if you will be instituting any formal process for receiving recommendations on regulations. The ag folks got together and submitted something to EPA a couple of weeks ago.

Also don’t know if you’d also be handling the Task Force set up but if you have info on that you could share, I’d be grateful. Thanks

Hope all’s well

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To: The Secretary
From: Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor & Regulatory Reform Officer, Office of the Secretary
Date: May 25, 2017
Re: Summary of Regulatory Reform Progress Report to the Secretary

PRE-DECISIONAL, DELIBERATIVE

The attached draft report outlines the USDA's plan for implementing a process for regulatory reform consistent with the requirements set forth in recent Executive Orders on *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*, *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*, *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, and *Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America*. **Upon your review and input, the attached document will be formally submitted the Office of the Secretary and, also, submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to the directives in the listed Executive Orders.**

Statement of Issue

This memorandum focuses on *Executive Order 13777: Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda (02/24/2017)* that requires that each federal department undertake a comprehensive review and evaluation of regulations and their impact on the American taxpayer and the economy. EO 13777 states that "it is the mission of the United States to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people."

At USDA, the review and actions taken to provide regulatory relief (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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Results in Brief

Since the issuance of EO 13777, several steps have been taken to plan for and implement the objectives of the order. First, prior to the confirmation of the Secretary, policy officials within USDA's Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) division began a systemic review of regulations within that mission area, including consideration of burdens to agriculture and rural communities from regulations at other agencies. (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

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In April 2017, a Regulatory Reform Officer (RRO) was designated to lead the planning, coordination and ultimate implementation of the regulatory reforms and operational improvements at USDA. Further, USDA formally signaled our regulatory intentions with the submission several actions for inclusion in the Administration's *Spring Regulatory Agenda*. (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

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On the May 15, 2017, leaders in USDA mission areas were called together to announce the formation of an USDA Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF), as required by EO 13777, and to request that these leaders submit names of personnel well suited to lead the mission areas efforts to identify reforms and recommendations for actions to the Task Force. Those representatives have been identified and the RRO will host the initial meeting of the fully constituted RRTF on May 31, 2017.

Scope and Methods

SEEK INPUT and TAKE ACTION - USDA's Regulatory Reform Task Force will

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QUANTIFY PROGRESS - Beginning in FY 2019, (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

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QUALIFY PERFORMANCE - It is very important that the Department's reorganization, regulatory and policy reforms, and upcoming strategic planning process combine to build a culture of consistent, efficient service to USDA customers, and that personnel are empowered to improve their workplace and proudly serve USDA's core missions. (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

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¹ **Regulatory Agenda and Executive Order 13771** - On January 30, 2017, President Trump signed EO 13771, *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs* has two requirements that affect the agenda: 1) Regulatory 2 for 1- Agencies must identify two deregulatory actions for each new regulatory action. The deregulatory actions are required to be taken no later than when the agency issues the new final regulatory action; and 2) Net Zero Cost Impact - New costs or incremental cost increases caused by a new regulation must be offset by the agency. Deregulatory actions to offset these costs may use the same deregulatory actions to satisfy the 2 for 1 requirement.

Regulatory Reform Actions

RECENT ACTIONS

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The Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices (OLPP) Final Rule - Proposal to Seek Further Implementation Delay and Public Comment. The organic livestock and poultry practices rulemaking focuses primarily on provisions for outdoor access and space for organic poultry production, it adds requirements for the production, transport, and slaughter of other organic livestock as well. The rule's original effective date was March 20, 2017, but USDA initially delayed the effective date by 60 days, and most recently

provided an additional 180 days to give the Department additional time to consider the impact of the OLPP rule. Estimated costs for compliance (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

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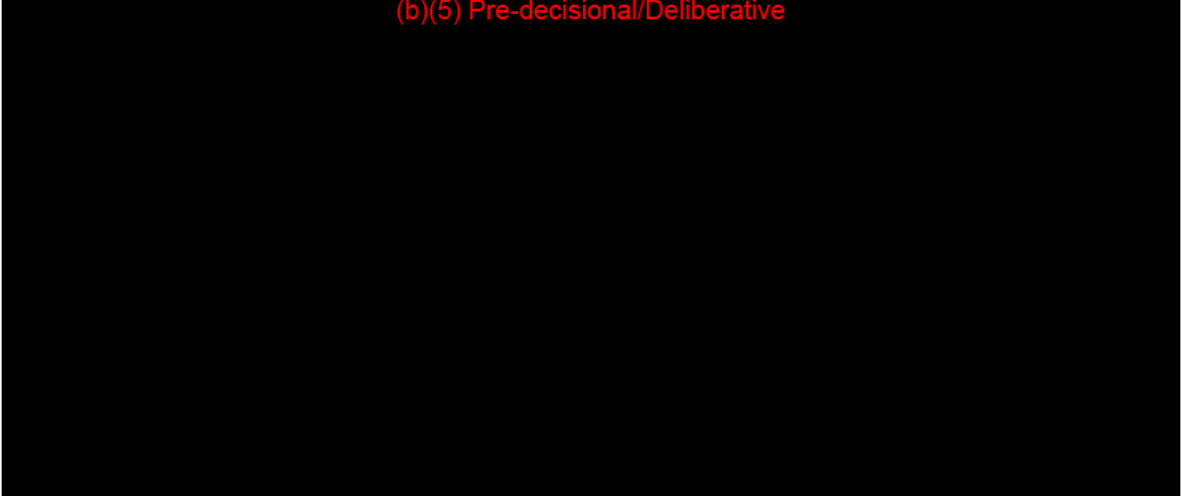
ONGOING ACTIONS

To meet the obligations and embrace the opportunities afforded from EO 13777 and the Strategic Planning process, USDA should (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

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Executive Summary

This paper outlines the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) plan for implementing a process for regulatory reform consistent with the requirements set forth in recent Executive Orders on *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*, *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*, *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, and *Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America*.

Regulatory Review and Reform at USDA

USDA works to support the American agricultural economy and to strengthen rural communities; to protect and conserve our natural resources; and to provide a safe, sufficient, and nutritious food supply for the American people. The Department's wide range of programs and responsibilities touches the lives of every American every day.

As stated in the Executive Order on *Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America*, a reliable, safe, and affordable food, fiber, and forestry supply is critical to America's national security, stability, and prosperity. It is in the national interest to promote American agriculture and protect the rural communities where food, fiber, forestry, and many of our renewable fuels are cultivated. It is further in the national interest to ensure that regulatory burdens do not unnecessarily encumber agricultural production, harm rural communities, constrain economic growth, hamper job creation, or increase the cost of food for Americans and our customers around the world. Toward that end, USDA is committed to operating efficiently, effectively, and with integrity, and minimizing the burdens on individual businesses and communities for participation in and compliance with USDA programs.

Most recently, USDA has initiated steps to implement the various regulatory review and reform requirements set forth in recent Executive Orders on *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*, *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*, *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, and *Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America*. Together these Executive Orders provide USDA with a framework for conducting a rigorous and meaningful review of its existing regulations for the purpose of identifying those that may be outmoded, ineffective, insufficient, or excessively burdensome, and to modify, streamline, expand, or repeal them in accordance with what is learned.

As a part of this broad regulatory review and reform effort, USDA will conduct a focused review that is specific to existing regulations, orders, guidance documents and policies that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources, with particular attention to oil, natural gas, coal, and nuclear energy resources, consistent with the requirements set forth in the Executive Order on *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*.

Establishment of the Regulatory Reform Officer and Regulatory Reform Task Force

Since the issuance of the Executive Order on *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda* (EO 13777), several steps have been taken to comply with its many requirements and position the Department to meet its objectives. Prompted by the requirements in Sec. 2 of the Executive Order on *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, and prior to the confirmation of Secretary Perdue, policy officials within USDA's Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) division began a systemic review of regulations for the purpose of identifying burdens to energy development. The early, ongoing work and findings at NRE will serve as guide for the work that is beginning inside the other mission areas at USDA.

Upon confirmation on April, 25, 2017, the Secretary appointed a Regulatory Reform Officer (RRO) to lead the planning, coordination and ultimate implementation of the regulatory reforms and operational improvements at USDA, consistent with the requirements in Sec. 2 of EO 13777. Soon thereafter, on May 15, 2017, the RRO brought together leaders from the mission areas and staff offices inside USDA to announce the formation of a Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF), as required by Sec. 3 of EO 13777, and to request that these leaders nominate personnel well suited to lead their respective mission area's efforts to identify existing regulations, orders, guidance documents and policies for consideration by the RRTF. The RRO will call the initial meeting of the fully constituted RRTF no later than May 31, 2017.

USDA's RRTF will identify reforms and opportunities for the department – regulatory, policy-based and operational – for the dual purpose of easing the regulatory burden on the American people and improving service delivery to USDA customers. The RRTF will meet at least weekly in the near term and members will be tasked with leading regulatory and policy assessments in their respective mission area or subgroup, and making reasoned recommendations for issues to be presented for full consideration by the RRTF. The first subgroup will be established to comply with the requirements in Sec. 2 of the *Executive Order Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, and will capitalize on the work already completed by the NRE mission area. The RRTF will also oversee soliciting input from industry stakeholders, the public, and USDA employees for the purpose of identifying existing regulations, orders, guidance documents and policies in need of reform, as well as new ideas to modify, streamline, expand, or repeal such items.

USDA's efforts on regulatory reform will inform the Secretary's leadership on the Agricultural and Rural Prosperity Task Force that was established in Sec. 2 of the Executive

Order on *Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America*. The goal of the Interagency Task Force is to provide rural America with world-class resources, tools and support, and to build robust, sustainable communities for generations to come.

Principles for Regulatory Review and Scope

USDA programs are diverse and far reaching and the regulations and legislation that implement their delivery are no different. The regulations range from nutrition standards for the school lunch program, natural resources and environmental measures governing national forest usage and soil conservation, emergency producer assistance as a result of natural disasters, to protection of American agriculture from the ravages of plant or animal pestilence. USDA regulations extend from farm to supermarket to ensure the safety, quality, and availability of the Nation's food supply. Regulations also specify how USDA conducts its business, including access to and eligibility for USDA programs. Finally, regulations specify the responsibilities of businesses, individuals, and State and local governments that are necessary to comply with their provisions.

While the breadth and depth of USDA's statutory obligations are numerous and complex, the Department is committed to the goal of making it easier to invest, produce and build in America by lowering the accumulated regulatory burden on the American people, while simultaneously protecting the public health, welfare, safety, and the environment. To accomplish this goal, USDA will employ three principles to guide its regulatory review and reform effort: scientific rigor, lawfulness, and sound policy.

All evidence used by agencies in support of a regulation should be based upon sound science, transparent and open to third-party and public review. USDA's regulatory review and

reform exercise will ensure that the science and research underlying the Department's decisions, policies and regulations is held to the highest standards of intellectual rigor and scientific integrity. USDA will also ensure that agencies follow current laws to assess and mitigate the impact of new and existing regulations on the American people, and examine the judicial standards by which the lawfulness of its regulations will be judged. At the same time, the Department will review its stock of existing regulations, orders, and related guidance documents by asking four questions intended to help determine if these actions are consistent with sound policy:

1. DOES IT MAKE SENSE? - Is it outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective? What was the goal and has that goal been met?
2. IS IT WORTH IT? - Does it impose costs that exceed benefits? Can the federal government afford to fully implement?
3. IS THERE A BETTER WAY? – Will it create an inconsistency or interfere with regulatory reform initiatives, policies and priorities? Is it duplicative within the federal government? It is the role of federal government rather than state/local government or private sector?
4. HOW DOES IT AFFECT JOBS AND THE ECONOMY? - Does it create or eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation? How does it impact the rural and agricultural economy?

The Secretary believes it is very important that the Department's reorganization, regulatory and policy reforms, and upcoming strategic planning process work together and are aligned to create a culture of consistent, efficient service to USDA customers. As such, the review and actions taken to provide regulatory relief consistent with the executive orders

identified earlier will also include an evaluation of policies and operational efficiencies that will improve service delivery to USDA customers.

Specific to USDA's focused review of existing regulations, orders, guidance documents and policies that may burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources, the Department will fairly balance environmental considerations that prevent new energy production and energy infrastructure projects against the many direct and indirect benefits of such projects, including the benefits for individuals, families, small businesses and energy security.

However, consistent with the Executive Order on *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, agency actions mandated by law, necessary for the public interest, and consistent with Sec. 1 of the Executive Order will not be reviewed as part of this effort. Accordingly, the Department will not review the mandates of the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Energy Policy Act of 2005, Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Federal Power Act of June 5, 1920, Energy Policy Act of October 24, 1992, Wilderness Act of 1964, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, among others.

Executive Order 13783, *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*

As noted above, as a part of the Department's broad regulatory review and reform effort, USDA will conduct a focused review that is specific to existing actions that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources consistent with the

requirements set forth in the Executive Order on *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*.

Lands administered by the FS contain energy mineral resources such as coal, oil, natural gas, geothermal resources; nuclear energy resources; and renewable energy sources such as hydropower, biomass, solar and wind. National Forest System (NFS) lands also house associated energy transmission and delivery infrastructure. As such, the FS will conduct a review of the applicable agency actions as outlined in this plan and produce a draft report for the RRTF by June 28, 2017. The draft report is then due to the Office of Management and Budget on July 26, 2017. The review will include engaging, as applicable, FS Regional Office staffs and NFS unit-level staffs to discern where agency actions, not mandated by law, may burden energy development. The FS will also consult with the agency's branches of Research and Development, and State and Private Forestry in this effort. The draft report will include recommendations on how to alleviate or eliminate actions determined to burden domestic energy production or delivery.

Measuring Progress and Performance

Beginning in FY 2019, the Department's required Annual Performance Plan (APP) will include strategies, goals and actions based on performance indicators that measure progress toward two goals: (1) Improving implementation of regulatory reform initiatives and policies; and (2) Identify regulations for repeal, replacement or modification. The APP requires the measurement of public input, deregulatory actions and regulatory actions subject to the '2 for 1' and 'regulatory offset' requirements in Executive Order 13771, *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*, as well as the total cost and cost savings from these actions. To comply with the measurement and reporting requirements, the RRTF will establish a mechanism

to measure the Department's progress toward the goals of improving implementation of regulatory reform initiatives, and a process for reporting progress on the RRTF's stated regulatory reform initiatives. The RRTF process will be aligned with the Department's process for establishing the Fall Regulatory Agenda and Statement of Regulatory Priorities to ensure consistency and the most efficient use of regulatory resources across the agencies.

The Regulatory Agenda and Executive Order 13771, *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*

The agenda is required by Section 4(b) of Executive Order 12866 and Section 602 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and is intended to increase transparency and public participation in rulemaking. Released by OMB in the Spring and Fall, the agenda identifies regulations that are both subject to OMB review under EO 12866 and expected to publish in the coming year. The agenda also summarizes regulations that have been completed since the last published agenda. The agenda does not include rules waived from EO 12866 review by OMB.

On January 30, 2017, President Trump signed EO 13771, Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs. Section 2 of the new EO has two requirements that affect the agenda: (1) Regulatory 2 for 1: Agencies must identify two deregulatory actions for each new regulatory action. The deregulatory actions are required to be taken no later than when the agency issues the new final regulatory action. (2) Net Zero Cost Impact: New costs or incremental cost increases caused by a new regulation must be offset by the agency. Agencies using deregulatory actions to offset these costs may use the same deregulatory actions to satisfy the 2 for 1 requirement.

In late April, USDA formally signaled our regulatory relief efforts with the submission of several deregulatory actions for inclusion in the Spring Regulatory Agenda. These actions – including relief for school lunch programs and the reconsideration of organic standards for livestock – are almost exclusively aimed at deregulation or easing burdens in the regulated community. The following is a list of regulatory actions included in the Department’s Spring Regulatory Agenda submission that trigger the 2 for 1 and offsetting requirements in EO 13771:

Importation, Interstate Movement, and Release into the Environment of Certain Genetically Engineered Organisms (Part 340) – Final Rule. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to revise its regulations regarding the importation, interstate movement, and environmental release of certain genetically engineered organisms in order to update the regulations in response to advances in genetic engineering and understanding of the plant pest and noxious weed risk posed by genetically engineered (GE) organisms, thereby reducing burden for regulated entities whose organisms pose no plant pest or noxious weed risks. This would be the first comprehensive revision of the regulations since they were established in 1987. This rule is identified as a deregulatory action that reduces direct costs to biotech developers for those organisms that are not considered to pose plant pest and/or noxious weed risk. Therefore, this rule is not subject to the 2 for 1 or offsetting provision of EO 13771. The proposed rule published January 19, 2017, and the comment period for the proposed rule ends June 19, 2017.

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Lacey Act Implementation Plan: De Minimis Exception and Composite Articles – Proposed Rule. APHIS is proposing the establishment of a de minimis threshold amount for Lacey Act declaration requirements. Under the amended Lacey Act, beginning December 15, 2008, importers are required to submit a declaration for certain plants and plant products. The declaration must contain, among other things, the scientific name of the plant, value of the importation, quantity of the plant, and name of the country from which the plant was harvested. The proposed de minimis would exempt importers from the declaration requirement if their product contains less than an established de minimis amount of plant material. This rule is identified as a deregulatory action because it would reduce the number of annual declarations would not need to be filed under the Lacey Act. The rule is estimated to be cost-neutral and not subject to the 2 for 1 or offsetting requirements of EO 13771.

Administrative Issuances; Involving the Public in the Formulation of Forest Service Directives – Final Rule. This is a US Forest Service procedural regulatory action that would provide greater opportunity for public participation in the formulation of standards, criteria and

guidelines applicable to Forest Service programs by expanding the scope of documents subject to review and employing web based technologies to ensure the interested public is notified of opportunities to review and comment on policy changes. Because this rulemaking is procedural and does not impose incremental costs on the public, it is not subject to the 2 for 1 and offsetting requirements of the EO 13771.

The Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices (OLPP) Final Rule - Proposal to Seek Further Implementation Delay and Public Comment. The organic livestock and poultry practices rulemaking focuses primarily on provisions for outdoor access and space for organic poultry production, it adds requirements for the production, transport, and slaughter of other organic livestock as well. The rule's original effective date was March 20, 2017, but in compliance with direction from the new Administration, the effective date was subsequently delayed 60 days, to give the Department additional time to consider the impact of the OLPP rule. USDA has issued a notice further extending the effective date another 6 months. Estimated costs for compliance with the new standards range between \$8.2 and \$31 million, depending on the number of existing producers that make conversions required under the rule to comply with the revised standards and on the number of new organic program entrants in the future.

Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection – Proposed Rule. Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend the Federal meat inspection regulations to establish a new voluntary inspection system for swine slaughter establishments demonstrated to provide equivalent or greater public health protection than the existing inspection system. FSIS is also proposing several changes to the regulations that would affect all establishments that slaughter swine, regardless of the inspection system under which they operate. The rule would

impose incremental costs on swine slaughter establishments, while generating a savings to the agency. The incremental costs to the industry are required to be offset by 2 deregulatory actions.

Egg Products Inspection Regulations – Proposed Rule. FSIS is proposing to require official egg products plants to develop and implement Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), consistent with HACCP and Sanitation SOP requirements in the meat and poultry products inspection regulations. FSIS is also proposing to remove the current requirements for prior approval by FSIS of egg products plant drawings, specifications, and equipment prior to their use in official plants, providing for the generic labeling of egg products, and requiring safe handling labels on shell eggs and egg products. The rule would impose incremental costs on egg processing establishments, which are required to be offset by 2 deregulatory actions.

Proposed Offsets for rules modernizing swine and egg products inspection - To offset the costs of the rules modernizing swine and egg products inspection, FSIS has identified the following three deregulatory actions as required by EO 13771:

- a. Repeal of 9 CFR 310.11, Cleaning of hog carcasses before incising, which is estimated to save the industry \$5 million in labor costs;
- b. Elimination of Trichina control regulations and consolidation of thermally processed, commercially sterile regulations, which is cost-neutral, but deregulatory (the regulatory intent is now accomplished through HACCP); and
- c. Elimination of official marks of inspection for carcasses being further processed in the same facility, which is also cost-neutral, but deregulatory.

Next Steps

To meet the obligations and embrace the opportunities afforded by Department's regulatory review and reform effort, USDA will immediately begin seeking input and taking steps to instill a culture of customer-focused service across the mission areas, with an emphasis on increasing value to taxpayers, and reducing the regulatory footprint of the federal government.

This ongoing process of review and reform will start with an initiative by the RRT to notify all USDA staff that suggestions and comments on this effort are welcomed, and the creation of an electronic submission method to receive employee comments for RRTF consideration. The RRTF will also publish a Federal Register notice to solicit input on regulations and policies in need of reform for consideration by the RRTF.

At the same time, the RRTF will commence weekly meetings for the purpose of developing and refining a list of action items to be tracked for the purpose of measuring the Department's reform effort.



AFIA FACTS

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Description: The American Feed Industry Association is a non-profit organization representing more than 650 feed and pet food manufacturing and supplier companies, regional and state associations and international firms.

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Founded: The association was founded in 1909 in Chicago, IL. Originally known as the American Feed Manufacturers Association (AFMA), the organization changed its name to the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) in 1985, reflecting its changing membership. In 1992, AFIA merged with the National Feed Ingredients Association (NFIA) to become the only national association exclusively representing the interests of the U.S. feed industry.

Purpose: AFIA provides leadership and service on legislative and regulatory issues concerning feed industry firms from a state, national and global perspective; and provides education, training and networking services for the industry. Through its work with Congress and regulatory agencies, AFIA seeks to build on the American feed industry's record of producing the safest and most abundant supply of meat, milk and eggs in the world.

Size: AFIA maintains a staff of 21 professionals. Member companies represent over 75 percent of all commercial feed manufactured and supplied to the U.S. market.

Key Officers: The association is administered by a Board of Directors, comprised of 48 industry leaders who are elected by the membership. They serve rotating three-year terms.

The Board elects the following officers:

Chairman of the Board	Lee Hall, Hallway Feeds
Chair-Elect	Bruce Crutcher, Micronutrients USA
President & Treasurer	Joel G. Newman
Senior Vice President	Richard Sellers
Vice President	Sarah Novak
Vice President	Leah Wilkinson

Membership: AFIA's membership encompasses commercial feed manufacturers, integrated producers, pet food companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers, pharmaceutical firms, industry support services, related associations and international firms.

Services: AFIA closely monitors state and federal legislative and regulatory actions, as related to the feed industry. It takes a proactive approach to issues that impact its membership. The Association sponsors many educational seminars and workshops throughout the year. It additionally coordinates and administers industry-related committees on subjects like animal nutrition, marketing, plant safety, production, etc.

Geographic Size: Membership in AFIA is spread over the entire United States. International firms and organizations from Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa also hold membership.

Meetings/Conventions: Purchasing and Ingredient Suppliers Conference; International Feed Expo; Liquid Feed Symposium; Feed Industry Institute; FSMA-related Programs; and Equipment Manufacturers Conference.

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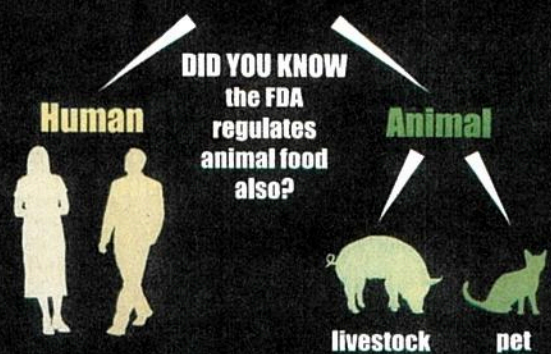
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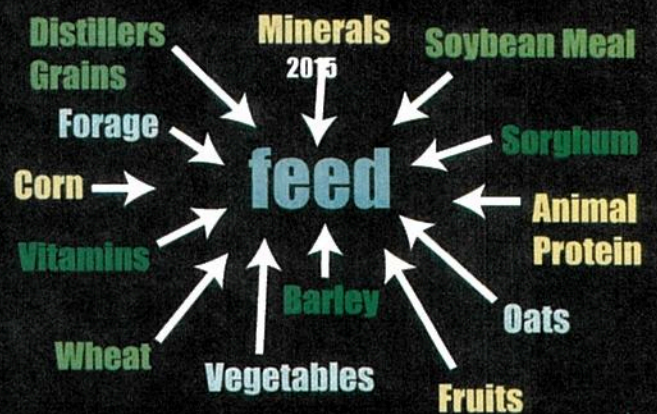
Do you have a pet?
AFIA members make their food



Do you consume milk, meat or eggs?
Feed represents most of the
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WHAT IS FEED?



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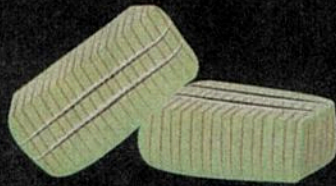


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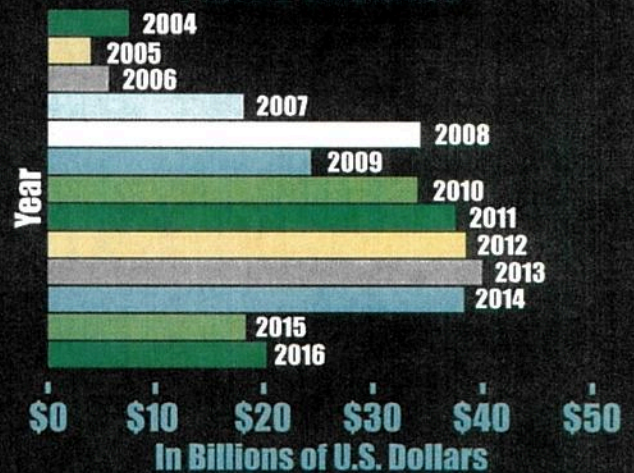
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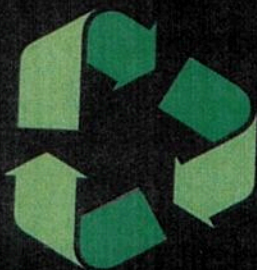
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Feed & Feed
Ingredients

AGRICULTURE'S POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE



Sustainability in Feed:



Partnering with state regulators, AFIA identified co-products (from fruits, vegetables, nuts, juices, distillers, meats, etc.) that can safely be used in animal food. Ongoing diet research is finding ways to further reduce feed's environmental footprint. By reducing and reusing, the feed industry helps provide sustainable human nutrition. Efficient animals can help feed a growing population. Cows, for example, can turn human-inedible grass into very nutritious milk.

FACT: In the U.S., less than 3% of all greenhouse gas emissions can be attributed to livestock production.

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Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

Food and feed safety is the top priority of the animal food industry and the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA). When writing the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) regulations for the animal food industry, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) used as a template the rules it wrote for human food to speed up the rule making process. FSMA is expected to cost the animal food industry over \$1 billion in compliance costs through the implementation processes, with little to no food safety improvement. AFIA and the industry support the establishment of Current Good Manufacturing Practices (CGMPs) and believe these CGMPs will mitigate risk of hazards for the majority of the feed industry. Because of this, AFIA believes that preventive controls are not needed by all facilities, which FDA acknowledged in a recent guidance document and in training programs. However, these facilities must still implement the onerous requirements outlined in subparts C, E and F of the FSMA animal food rule. FDA has agreed to delay inspections of facilities for one year, but firms are still expected to be compliant. To avoid putting the industry through the unnecessary, burdensome process of building redundant compliance programs, AFIA requests that subparts C, E and F be delayed 1-2 years while the industry works with FDA, Congress and the administration to ensure these rules are appropriate for the animal food industry as stipulated in FSMA statutory language.

Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD)

In the mid-1990s, FDA, adopted through rulemaking the requirements in 21 CFR Part 11, *Electronic Records and Signatures*. Part 11 dictates regulatory requirements for computerized records maintained by regulated firms to comply with FDA rules. Although these requirements may have been appropriate for mainframe computers used 20 years ago, FDA has recognized that its Part 11 requirements need to be re-examined. Currently, the animal food industry is required to comply with Part 11 requirements in facilities holding medicated feed mill licenses under the CGMP requirements for medicated feed and under the VFD rule. Compliance with Part 11 requirements is extremely burdensome and costly. In late 2016, AFIA filed a citizen petition requesting an exemption for Part 11 VFD records, based on the wholesale exemption FDA granted for FSMA recordkeeping. FDA, on its own initiative, introduced an exemption to the Part 11 requirements in the final FSMA rules for produce, human and animal food. The animal food industry believes FDA should also grant such an exemption for VFD records and urges swift rulemaking to reduce this onerous requirement. Similarly, AFIA members want to eliminate the Part 11 requirement for medicated feed CGMPs, and have filed a separate citizen petition asking for such relief.

Drug Establishment Registration (DER)

FDA requires animal feed facilities wishing to purchase Category II, Type A medicated articles (i.e. animal drug premixes) to apply for a medicated feed mill license and register annually as a drug establishment. This complicated process begins with a facility obtaining a data universal numbering system (DUNS) number and proceeding through a complicated maze of computer processes. Before this process was developed, FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) allowed a paper registration. This paper registration was sent to firms each month on a rotating alphabetic schedule by name of the company. The new, complicated, electronic annual registration process is unnecessary as FDA already has all of the information needed for proper inspection and enforcement required on the medicated feed mill license. AFIA has discussed this issue with CVM officials. AFIA believes FDA can eliminate the DER requirement as allowed by rule and by law as the DER requirement is primarily meant for drug manufacturers. If FDA will not act, Congress should remove the requirement and reduce this regulatory burden on the animal food industry. The medicated feed mill license already contains all the required information needed to enforce the provisions of the law and FDA rules.



Animal Food Ingredient Review and Approval Processes

A recent AFIA study concludes firms bringing new ingredients to market through the current approval processes lose \$1.75 million in revenue with an average delay of 2 years per ingredient. AFIA requests FDA adopt, through rulemaking and/or guidance document, the ingredient definitions in the AAFCO *OP* (American Association of Feed Control Officials, *Official Publication*) as Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act (FDAAA) compliant ingredient standards. This requested approach is justified because many foreign and states governments already formally recognize AAFCO ingredient definitions contained in the *OP*. FDA's attempt to individually codify all animal food additives will confuse an already clear understanding of the AAFCO ingredient list by foreign governments. If FDA will not move administratively, Congress should immediately amend FDAAA to reflect the original intent of Congress. The ingredient review staff within the CVM Division of Animal Feed needs proper appropriations and resources to hire the staff necessary to complete reviews in a timely manner more on par with human food ingredient approvals. AFIA requests Congress explore the proper funding level required during the appropriations process.

International Trade

In 2016, the U.S. exported \$10.9 billion in animal foods, animal food ingredients and pet food. In the last 20 years, animal food exports increased 168 percent. Much of this success is attributed to the tariff-free access the U.S. animal food industry receives from free trade agreements (FTAs). The U.S. animal food industry's ability to expand relies on capturing the growing demand for animal protein in export markets. Exports contribute to increased animal food demand directly through increased exports of additional animal food and indirectly through increased exports of U.S. meat, milk and egg products. AFIA encourages USDA to support the modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), especially since Mexico and Canada are the two largest animal food export markets. AFIA has been working successfully with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to expand pet food export markets in Thailand and rendered products into the Philippines. China is the biggest export customer for the U.S. animal food industry and, opportunities to greatly expand feed exports to China have been identified. The administration and Congress should support regulatory and technical-level discussions between the U.S. and China to address barriers to these opportunities, while also preserving existing market access.

Codex

AFIA supports the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) as a science-based, intergovernmental framework, protecting consumer health and ensuring fair practices in food and agriculture trade. Work in Codex has resulted in a collection of internationally recognized and adopted food standards, guidelines and codes of practice. AFIA believes that the U.S.'s strength in Codex relies on continuing a balanced pursuit of science-based regulatory standards while pursuing viable trade opportunities. To that end, AFIA strongly believes that the U.S. Codex Office needs strong leadership at USDA to maintain a science-based, proactive approach to ensuring food safety both domestically and abroad and encourages USDA senior leadership to attend Codex meetings. AFIA also encourages the U.S. Codex Office to maintain its role as an inter-agency coordination mechanism between FSIS, FDA, other agencies and stakeholders, keeping in place the policy committee and a direct link with the Under Secretary for Food Safety. AFIA supports the continued focus on international trade standards being based in food safety and we look forward to working with the new Under Secretary in improving food safety and international trade.

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Food Safety Modernization Act Implementation

Background and Issue

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) became federal law in early 2011. FSMA, which amended the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA), greatly expanded the authority of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to help ensure the safety of human and animal food. Food safety has been, and continues to be, a top priority of the animal food industry and the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA). That top priority is supported by the animal food industry's longstanding safety record, as well as by the many training, education and certification programs AFIA has created and the industry has participated in.

In enacting FSMA, Congress left many details to be addressed by FDA through rulemaking. While writing this regulation for the animal food industry, FDA used the rules it wrote for human food as the model in an effort to streamline and speed up the rulemaking process. Congress and AFIA were concerned that this approach would be taken by the agency and therefore FSMA included a provision in Section 418(m) of the FDCA, 21 U.S.C. § 350g(m), to allow FDA to exempt or modify the regulatory requirements for animal food. The language of Section 350g(m) is below:

(m) Authority With Respect to Certain Facilities - The Secretary may, by regulation, exempt or modify the requirements for compliance under this section with respect to facilities that are solely engaged in the production of food for animals other than man, the storage of raw agricultural commodities (other than fruits and vegetables) intended for further distribution or processing, or the storage of packaged foods that are not exposed to the environment.

FDA exempted grain and packaged products but not animal food. Some deviations from the human food regulations were only granted after extensive comment by industry during the rulemaking process. In AFIA's view, congressional intent for less stringent requirements for regulating animal food was clear, but ignored by the agency.

AFIA submitted hundreds of pages of comments on the FSMA regulations explaining that these proposed rules are very costly—nearly \$1 billion—and provide little benefit. In fact, FDA's own cost-to-benefit analysis could not quantify a benefit of these regulations to the animal food industry. Similarly, AFIA notes one university research center's cost-to-benefit analysis demonstrated the actual benefit to the public was negligible compared to the very high cost¹. FDA ignored these cost-to-benefit analyses and proceeded to significantly overregulate the animal food industry in the final FSMA rules. Moreover, the unfavorable risk-to-benefit of these regulations would have been clearer if FDA had established "performance standards" as the law required; however, FDA chose to proceed without this information even though required in the law.

There are several sections to the FSMA animal food final rule as follows:

- Subpart A – General Provisions (including definitions)
- Subpart B – Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP)
- Subpart C – Hazard Analysis and Risk-based Preventive Controls
- Subpart D – Withdrawal of a Qualified Facility Exemption
- Subpart E – Supply Chain Program
- Subpart F – Requirements Applying to Records that Must be Established and Maintained

Some of Subpart A and all of Subpart B are authorized in the FDCA. The remaining parts of the rule are authorized by FSMA.

¹ Richard A. Williams, "Focused Mitigation Strategies to Protect Food against Intentional Adulteration" (Public Interest Comment, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, June 30, 2014).



This rule established phased-in compliance timeframes, as suggested by AFIA, as follows:

Size of Business	Compliance date for Subpart B	Compliance date for Subparts C, D, E
Qualified facility, including very small business	September 17, 2018	September 17, 2019
Small businesses <500 employees	September 18, 2017	September 17, 2018
All other businesses >500 employees	September 19, 2016	September 18, 2017

FDA's "animal food" term means, feed, ingredients, pet food and raw materials. This final rule requires each facility to review the hazards that are known or reasonably foreseeable in each plant and develop a food safety plan to mitigate those hazards. This will vary based on the type of product being manufactured, the ingredients and equipment used, as well as the regulatory and consumer requirements. Thus, each plant (manufacturing and ingredient processing) will be required to determine if the implementation of CGMPs will mitigate their hazards, or if their food safety plan also will include preventive controls. For the majority of feed manufacturers, the hazards will be mitigated by CGMPs or other prerequisite programs.

AFIA and the animal food industry support the establishment of CGMPs and are committed to assisting the industry consistently implement these new regulations. In fact, for the majority of the animal food industry, AFIA believes, when properly implemented, CGMPs will mitigate the risks of most hazards in feed manufacturing; therefore, preventive controls are not needed by all facilities. FDA has acknowledged this in a recent guidance document and in its training programs. These facilities must still implement the onerous requirements in other subparts only to substantiate their CGMPs are the most appropriate risk mitigation measure for their processes. On the other hand, an example of plants that will likely rely on preventive controls as a mitigation factor in their food safety plan is pet food manufacturers. Most pet food firms believe they are prepared to effectively implement the current rule as they must have preventive controls due to the potential for microbial hazards.

Proposed Solution

To avoid putting the industry through the unnecessary, burdensome process of building unnecessary compliance programs, AFIA requests these requirements be reconsidered. Industry has yet to receive guidance documents about how these portions of the rule will be enforced and how to be prepared for inspections. In the interim, AFIA requests Congress to delay the implementation of subparts C, E and F for one-to-two years. This would allow the industry time to work with the Trump administration, Congress and the agency to make sure the regulations are appropriate for the animal food industry, and implement any changes or remove requirements of the rule that do not provide sound risk reduction in a cost-efficient manner for industry to implement and for government to enforce and to look at alternatives as required by the Administrative Procedure Act.

Similarly, because of the United States' treaty obligations, parts of the Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP) regulations must be changed if the animal food rule is modified. The U.S. is required to treat domestic facilities and foreign facilities the same. Thus, FDA should make any necessary conforming changes to the FSVP regulations.

Regarding pet food and pet food ingredients, AFIA's suggested approach is to proceed with the compliance date extensions and for FDA to reconsider, through rulemaking and/or guidance document(s), the applicable requirements.

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Elimination of Part 11 Requirements on the Veterinary Feed Directive Rule and CGMPs for Medicated Feed

Background and Issue

In the mid-1990s, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), through rulemaking, adopted the requirements in 21 CFR Part 11, Electronic Records and Signatures. Part 11 dictates FDA's regulatory requirements for computerized records maintained by regulated firms to comply with FDA regulatory requirements. Although these requirements may have been appropriate for the mainframe computers that were in widespread use over 20 years ago, FDA itself has recognized that its Part 11 requirements need to be re-examined in light of major developments in computerized systems.

The rule requires a firm that stores electronic records to validate its system and report such validation to FDA. In essence, it means that an electronic signature required on a record has the same protection and controls as if the person required to sign any documents were signing the document on paper at the location. So, that person would need computer protections and passwords that could not be authorized without the presence of the authorizing person.

Currently, the animal food industry is required to comply with Part 11 requirements in facilities that hold medicated feed mill licenses under the current good manufacturing practices (CGMP) rule for medicated feed and under the veterinary feed directive (VFD) rule. Compliance with Part 11 requirements is extremely burdensome and costly. To the best of AFIA's knowledge, no feed manufacturing facility has a computerized recordkeeping system that is in full compliance with Part 11. Both of these rules (CGMPs and VFD) require costly paper records as a way to comply with recordkeeping requirements, as the rule allows paper records to be used in lieu of electronic ones to meet the requirements of the rule. The rule allows paper records to be signed, dated and filed that contain required records under these rules.

Proposed Solution

In late 2016, AFIA filed a citizen petition requesting an exemption for Part 11 VFD records, based on the wholesale exemption FDA granted for FSMA records. FDA, on its own initiative, introduced an exemption to the Part 11 requirements in the final FSMA rules for produce and human and animal food. The animal food industry believes FDA should also grant such an exemption for veterinary feed directive records and urges swift rulemaking to reduce this onerous requirement. If FDA is not willing to remove this burdensome rule, AFIA asks Congress to remove the outdated Part 11 requirements from the VFD.

Similarly, AFIA members want to eliminate the Part 11 requirement for medicated feed CGMPs, and have filed a separate citizen petition asking for such relief.

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Drug Establishment Registration (DER)

Issue

The Food and Drug Administration requires animal feed facilities wishing to purchase Category II, Type A medicated articles (i.e. animal drug premixes) to apply for a medicated feed mill license and register as a drug establishment. More than a decade ago, FDA made this requirement an electronic process. The FDA Safety & Innovation Act of July 2012 made it an annual registration requirement during October through December, in addition to the Food Safety Modernization Act registration renewal requirement due October through December of even-numbered years.

This complicated process begins with a facility obtaining a data universal numbering system (DUNS) number and proceeding through a complicated maze of computer processes. Before this process was developed, FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) allowed a paper registration. This paper registration was sent to firms each month on a rotating alphabetic schedule by name of the company. The new, very complicated, duplicative annual registration process is simply not necessary as FDA already has all of the information they need for proper inspection and enforcement required on the medicated feed mill license.

AFIA has discussed this issue with CVM officials. Agency officials say they would need congressional action to force them to make this change as it's not an "agency priority."

Proposed Solution

Congress or the administration should direct the FDA to eliminate the DER provision for licensed medicated animal feed mills. AFIA believes FDA can eliminate the drug establishment registration (DER) requirement as allowed by rule and by law as the DER requirement is primarily meant for drug manufacturers. If FDA will not act, Congress should remove the requirement and reduce this regulatory burden on the animal food industry. The medicated feed mill license already contains all the required information.

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International Trade Policy and the US Animal Food Industry

Background and Issue

In 2016, the U.S. exported \$10.9 billion in animal food, animal food ingredients and pet food. In the last 20 years, animal food exports increased 168 percent. Much of this success is attributed to the tariff-free access the U.S. animal food industry receives from free trade agreements (FTAs).

The U.S. animal food industry's ability to expand relies on capturing the growing demand for animal protein in export markets. Trade grows animal food demand directly through exports of additional animal food and indirectly through exports of U.S. meat, milk and egg products. Both direct and indirect demand enhances the value of the U.S. animal food industry—allowing it to grow, be sustainable and create more jobs. For the U.S. animal food industry to meet this global demand and continue to thrive and grow, policy and regulatory constraints that currently prohibit market access for U.S. animal food products and the value-added products (meat, milk and eggs) must be addressed and remedied.

Much of the increased demand for animal protein is concentrated in the Asia-Pacific region. However, the U.S. animal food industry faces challenges in accessing new customers in this region. U.S. producers face increased competition and new trade agreements amongst other countries within this region continue to block opportunities for the U.S. animal food industry. With the U.S. withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the U.S. animal food industry loses more than tariff reductions; it also loses the opportunity to address sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) issues beyond the obligations of the World Trade Organization. TPP would have supported regulatory cooperation amongst the signatory countries. SPS issues have become increasingly significant trade barriers. TPP, and agreements like it, are key to empowering the U.S. to set the terms and rules for future agreements.

Mexico and Canada are very profitable markets for the U.S. animal food industry, representing the U.S.'s largest and second largest export markets for feed, feed ingredients and pet food respectively, which totaled \$2.7 billion in 2016. Since NAFTA was implemented, animal food exports to Canada and Mexico have almost tripled, growing from \$725 million in 1994 to \$2.7 billion in 2015.

Proposed Solutions

As the new administration develops new trade policies, AFIA requests Congress do the following:

1. Congress and the administration can work with the animal food industry to ensure its estimated \$11 billion export markets are protected and can also continue to grow and be sustainable by:
 - Working directly with AFIA, as a representative of the U.S. animal food industry.
 - Seeking guidance from the Agricultural Trade Advisory Committees.
 - Relying on the expertise of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative.
2. Congress and the administration should look for solutions to remaining tariff and non-tariff barriers that continue to undercut our competitiveness globally, such as addressing inconsistencies in acceptance and implementation of international standards.
3. Congress should preserve the components of TPP that are key to our industry in the Asia-Pacific region, such as the SPS and Regulatory Cooperation chapters.
4. NAFTA
 - Congress and the administration should preserve the components of NAFTA that are working successfully for our industry under the existing agreement and endeavor to avoid any changes to the existing agreement that could potentially jeopardize current and/or future market access.
 - Congress and the administration should also incorporate the language from the TPP's SPS and Regulatory Cooperation Chapters into any renegotiated version of NAFTA.
 - OIE consistency within NAFTA countries would solve several trade barriers. For example, the U.S. animal food and pet food industries desire market access for rendered ruminant meal



ingredients to Mexico. Currently, due to unjustified sanitary barriers to trade, the U.S. cannot export ruminant meals or products with ruminant meal ingredients to Mexico even though, according to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) both countries are negligible risk.

- The animal food industry would benefit from Canada treating its domestic manufacturers the same as imported product under the product registration requirements in Canada's Feed Regulations. Per paragraph 5(2) of Canada's Feed Regulations, product registrations exceptions are made for Canadian manufactured product, but not imported product, even if imported product meets nutrient guarantee requirements.
5. China is the biggest export customer for the U.S. animal food industry; there are opportunities to greatly expand feed exports to China. Congress should support regulatory and technical-level discussions between the U.S. and China to address barriers to these opportunities, while also preserving existing market access.

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Improve the Animal Food Ingredient Review Processes

Background and Issue

Historically, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has relied on state feed control officials for many aspects of the regulation of animal food. State feed control officials are guided by the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO). For some 35 years, the FDA and AAFCO have successfully operated an informal “approval” process for feed ingredients. This process allowed FDA to review and comment on the data submitted by firms and for AAFCO to review the ingredient definition and approve and publish it its *Official Publication (OP)*, which is referenced in all state feed laws providing the accepted legal definitions of animal feed ingredients—an important provision in the ingredient approval process.

FDA also reviews animal food ingredients through the food additive petition (FAP) route and the Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) regulations, which are legally mandated through the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine is the agency within FDA that oversees these ingredient review processes. As more ingredients are being brought to the market, the regulatory hurdles to receive final approval continue to increase. This has resulted in a dramatic slow-down in approvals, increased costs for the submitter and loss of revenue from years of delay in making it through the review process.

According to a recent AFIA study, changes in review requirements have increased costs and instituted delays in submission reviews and approvals according to the study’s report. The study shows that companies are losing more than \$1.75 million annually in revenue per ingredient and spending \$600,000 to gain “approval” through this process—both significant increases in the last 10 years. It currently takes three-to-five years to complete a review by FDA for a food additive or AAFCO ingredient.

Another issue that has the potential to divert resources from reviewing ingredients and cause chaos in the industry relates to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act (FDAAA). In 2007, Congress enacted FDAAA, which in essence requires FDA to create “standards” for ingredients used in pet food. FDA concluded that this FDAAA requirement should apply to all animal food, not just pet food. Because “standards” was not defined in FDAAA, the agency’s lawyers made a determination that the ingredient definitions in the AAFCO *OP* were not “standards.” The agency then decided it needed to move all the AAFCO *OP*-listed ingredients, which FDA and AAFCO had reviewed and “approved,” into federal regulations in order to satisfy this FDAAA requirement. In many cases, additional data must be submitted to support the inclusion of these AAFCO-*OP* listed ingredients in federal regulations. Many of these ingredients go back to the 1960s and would not have a current sponsor. Without a current sponsor, it is unlikely that any firm would expend the resources to develop and submit data to support the continued recognition of these ingredients. Thus, these ingredients could be “lost” to industry after years of safe use.

In recent years, Congress has repeatedly declined to address the animal food ingredient review process on the basis that FDA has the authority to administratively accept ingredient definitions in the AAFCO *OP* as “ingredient standards.” To this point, FDA has resisted. On several occasions, AFIA has requested FDA adopt the AAFCO *OP* into federal rules through incorporation by reference, for which there is ample precedent. AFIA has worked for many years to get FDA-accepted language to Congress to put the AAFCO *OP* into federal law. This had been blocked by FDA while a “generally recognized as safe” final rule was challenged in federal court by activists’ groups. That rule and lawsuit have been settled, yet the agency has not moved to correct the problem.

In the meantime, AFIA members continue filing additional food additive petitions due to the slowdown of the AAFCO informal review process. This additional burden coupled with decreasing resources and increased submission requirements have slowed the number of new ingredients “approved” by AAFCO and FDA to a few each year. The industry needs a consistent and dependable ingredient review process that allows new technology to be brought to market to benefit animal agriculture and companion animals.



Proposed Solution

AFIA requests FDA adopt, through rulemaking and/or guidance document, the ingredient definitions in the AAFCO *OP* as ingredient standards. This requested approach is justified because many foreign governments recognize the AAFCO ingredient definitions. FDA's attempt to individually codify all animal food additives into the federal regulations will cloud an already clear understanding of the AAFCO ingredient list by foreign governments. If FDA will not move on this administratively, Congress should amend FDAAA to reflect the original intent of Congress at the next opportunity.

The ingredient review staff within the CVM Division of Animal Feed needs proper appropriations and resources in order to hire the staff necessary to complete reviews in a timely manner more on par with human food. AFIA requests Congress explore the proper funding level required during the appropriations process.

Contact: John Stewart, AFIA manager of government affairs, at (703) 558-3566 or jstewart@afia.org

From: McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Call
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 6:58:41 AM

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From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Bill McGinley](#) (b) (6); [Ashley Gunn](#) (b) (6);
(b) (6)
Subject: Contact Information
Date: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 3:38:34 PM

(b) (5) Deliberative

. Below is my contact information:

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(b) (6) (cell)

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Best Regards,
Heidi Green

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From: Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Cc: [Renne, Jim - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: (b) (5)
Date: Friday, February 24, 2017 4:36:12 PM
Importance: High

(b) (5) Deliberative
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 [REDACTED]. The USDA CIO, John Alboum, can
 be reached at 202 720 8833, (b) (6) or (b) (6). (b) (5) Deliberative
 [REDACTED].

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From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Bill McGinley](#)
Subject: (b) (5)
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To: [Bill McGinley](#)
Subject: (b) (5)
Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 9:56:26 AM

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From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Subject: (b) (5)
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 7:49:26 AM

Bill, (b) (5) Deliberative

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From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: Re: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2017 9:40:03 AM

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> On Feb 26, 2017, at 9:16 AM, McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

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> (b) (5) Deliberative Thanks.

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>> On Feb 25, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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>>>> On Feb 24, 2017, at 9:15 PM, McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

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Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017 6:10:42 PM

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On Feb 23, 2017, at 1:05 PM, McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO
(b) (6) [REDACTED] wrote:

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From: McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Mary Elizabeth E. EOP/WHO](#); [Dearborn, Rick A. EOP/WHO](#); [Welden, Anne-Allen EOP/WHO](#); [Lai, Joseph G. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:17:20 AM

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William J. McGinley

Cabinet Secretary

The White House

Cell: (b) (6) | E: (b) (6)

From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:05 AM

To: McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

Subject: (b) (5)

Bill (b) (5) Deliberative

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From: McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO
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Subject: Re: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Thursday, March 09, 2017 3:34:40 PM

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On Mar 9, 2017, at 2:33 PM, Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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On Mar 9, 2017, at 2:28 PM, McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO
 <(b) (6)> wrote:

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On Mar 9, 2017, at 2:00 PM, Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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 wrote:

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On Mar 8, 2017, at 10:35 PM, Green, Heidi
 - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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Thank you,
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From: Passantino, Stefan C.
EOP/WHO

(b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, March 08,
2017 7:42 PM

To: Green, Heidi - OSEC,
Washington, DC

<Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Carroll, James W. EOP/WHO

(b) (6)

Subject: RE: (b) (5) Deliberative

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STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President,
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Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017

7:16 PM

To: Passantino, Stefan C.

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Cc: Carroll, James W. EOP/WHO

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Subject: RE: (b) (5) Deliberative

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Thank you,
Heidi

From: Passantino, Stefan C.

EOP/WHO

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Sent: Wednesday, March 08,
2017 9:09 AM

To: Green, Heidi - OSEC,
Washington, DC

<Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Carroll, James W. EOP/WHO

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Subject: Re: (b) (5) Deliberative

Good morning (b) (5) Deliberative

Stefan.

Stefan C. Passantino
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On Mar 8, 2017, at 8:47 AM,
Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington,
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wrote:

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if it would be
helpful to discuss.

Thank you,
Heidi

From: Bender, Stuart
- OE

Sent: Tuesday,
March 07, 2017 7:54
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To: Sonny Perdue

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Best regards, Stuart

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To:

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Passantino

(b) (6)



Cc:

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From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: Re: (b) (5)
Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017 8:48:24 AM

(b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED]

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> On Mar 18, 2017, at 8:34 AM, McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)> wrote:

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> (b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED]

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Mar 18, 2017, at 8:29 AM, Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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From: McGinley, William J. EOP/WHO
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:23:14 PM

Thanks, Heidi. (b) (5) Deliberative

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> On Mar 30, 2017, at 9:08 PM, Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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> Bill, (b) (5) Deliberative .

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> Happy to discuss further if interested.

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> Thank you,

> Heidi

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From: Peterson Laura USWS
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: FAQ
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:31:52 PM

Absolutely.

Also this WSJ article from May 5th was pretty thorough:

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/syngenta-shareholders-accept-chemchinas-43-billion-takeover-offer-1493963063>

Thanks again...hope you're doing well! (Greetings from Iowa.)

See you soon,
Laura

Laura Peterson
Syngenta Corporate Affairs
(b) (6)

> On May 10, 2017, at 5:29 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

>

> Very helpful - ok to use as briefing doc for the Secretary?

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Peterson Laura USWS [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@syngenta.com](mailto:(b) (6)@syngenta.com)]

> Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:26 PM

> To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

> Subject: FAQ

>

> Hi Rebeckah,

>

> Thank you for your note. Attached is an FAQ. We look forward to seeing you soon and visiting with the Secretary. Thank you again for your time.

>

> Kindly,

> Laura

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> Laura Peterson

> Syngenta Corporate Affairs

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [James McVane](#)
Subject: Scheduling
Date: Thursday, May 04, 2017 12:54:45 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Jim –

Meeting requests to the Secretary should be sent to Director of Scheduling, Lauren Sullivan, Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov.



Rebeckah Freeman Adcock

Senior Advisor to the Secretary
Office of the Secretary

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From: James McVaney
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Settled in yet?
Date: Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:39:29 AM

Thanks. I really appreciate it.

Jim McVaney
Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:24 AM
To: James McVaney
Subject: RE: Settled in yet?

I am the designated Regulatory Reform Officer (per all the POTUS EO's) in addition to a few other issues here and there. In an agency built on a century of regulations, it's a daunting task – but lots of room for making tangible improvements. To some extent, we are all 'jacks of all trades'.

I will send you the scheduler's information in separate email.

Reb

From: James McVaney [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)@bayer.com](mailto:(b) (6)@bayer.com)]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Settled in yet?

I have a lot of faith in the Gov, you and the team that is being built over there. Have you been able to define your issues portfolio yet, or is that an evolving process?

Also, we are scoping out dates for our CEO in Germany to meet with Sec. Perdue. Who should I talk to about scheduling?

Jim

Jim McVaney
Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:00 AM
To: James McVaney
Subject: RE: Settled in yet?

If you mean do I have a desk, phone and computer – yes. If you mean have we worked out how to improve make 90K people better serve their constituencies, we will need a few more weeks (and my “weeks,” I mean a lot longer than that). But, we are full speed ahead in the effort. Great, good minded team here. It’s an honor.

Reb

From: James McVaney [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@bayer.com](mailto:(b) (6)@bayer.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Settled in yet?

Have you figured it all out yet?

Sorry I didn't have the chance to congratulate you on the move. What a great opportunity.

Best of luck and most certainly we will be in touch.

Jim

Jim McVaney
Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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Cc: LUDWIG, KRISTIN [AG/1000]; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; William J. Friedman; Christy Melhart Slay; Rick B. Stein (FMI); JONES, CARL [AG/2401]; [REDACTED]@sorbellofarmscsa.com; SCOTT, CAMILLE LYNNE [AG/1000]; ORELLANA, CLAUDIA V [AG/1000]; FARMER, TRACY L [AG/1000]; Martha Tucker; Michelle Hill
Subject: MVSAC Arrival Information
Date: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 2:59:08 PM
Attachments: [April Summary 42617.pdf](#)
[Agenda 080817.pdf](#)

Greetings!

We are days away from our next council meeting. Attached for your review are the April conference call minutes, and the most recent agenda.

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- Abe's Transportation will be providing roundtrip ground transportation from your arrival airport to the W Hotel. Drivers will meet guests in baggage claim. Drivers will be carrying signs with advisory council logo and last name of passenger. They will be wearing black suits. If you do not see your driver, please call 202-518-0333, x2 for dispatch.
- On the day of travel, if for any reason you won't be arriving on the expected flight (either the airlines cancel the flight or the flight is missed), please call Abe's Transportation.
- IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:
 - Abe's Transportation: 202-518-0333
 - W Hotel: 202-661-2400

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AUGUST 7 ARRIVALS

- There will be a casual get together the evening of August 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the hotel rooftop.
- Appetizers will be provided.
- There will also be a night time tour of national monuments. If attending, please be in the lobby at 8:30 to board the shuttle.

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

- The W is located at 515 15th Street NW, Washington, DC. Our meeting room is Studio 1 and Studio 2.
- You need to let the valet know you are with the Vegetable Advisory Council meeting and your charges will be posted to the master account.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Safe travels,

Kathy

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Monsanto Vegetable Seeds Advisory Council

August 8-9, 2017
W Hotel
515 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20004
202-661-2400

A G E N D A

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 –

6:00 pm – Cocktail Reception	Rooftop at Hotel
8:30 pm – Night time tour of national monuments	Meet in lobby to board van

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 – GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS COVERING REGULATORY AND MARKET TRENDS THAT WILL IMPACT PRODUCE – STUDIO 2 ROOM

7:30 am – Breakfast	Studio 1 Room
8:30 am – Welcome and introductions	Marty Strauss
8:45 am – Retail fresh trends that will drive change in the produce aisle	Rick Stein Vice President, Fresh Foods for the Food Marketing Institute
9:35 am – TSC mission and programs that are relevant to agriculture and the produce supply chain	Christy Melhart Slay Director of Research for The Sustainability Consortium
10:25 am – Break	
10:40 am – USDA’s review of federal regulations impacting Farmers	Rebeckah Adcock
11:30 am – Overview of the US organic regulatory system and outlook on significant changes for produce growers	Jay Friedman
12:20 pm – Break for lunch	
12:30 pm – Lunch featuring products: Just Sweet peppers and Honeysuckle Red onions	Studio 1 Room

1:45 pm – Thinking inside the box: How one grower is making dramatic changes in response to produce market and regulatory trends

Kris Wilson
Sorbello Farms

BUSINESS MEETING

After a short break, we will excuse our guests and begin the business meeting

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5:00 pm – Wrap up

6:30 pm – Dinner

Pinea in W Hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 – BUSINESS MEETING

7:30 am – Breakfast

Studio 1 Room

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11:00 am – Wrap up and dismiss -- *please refer to your departure notice for your hotel departure time back to the airport*

Meeting Contacts:

Andrew Burchett, cell (b) (6)

Kristin Ludwig, cell (b) (6)

Kathy Sharp, cell (b) (6)

From: CropLife America
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Invitation to the CropLife America 2017 Holiday Open House
Date: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:17:42 AM

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HP-Invite



Dear Rebeckah,

You are invited to join us to celebrate the season! We hope to see you on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Please respond by clicking [Yes](#) or [No](#). We look forward to your response!

Sincerely,
CropLife America
(b) (6) @croplifeamerica.org

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From: Francesca Purcell
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Sorry that you cannot attend the CropLife America 2017 Holiday Open House
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Dear Rebeckah,

Thank you for your response. We are sorry that you will not be attending the CropLife America 2017 Holiday Open House. We hope that you will join us at one of our future events.

Sincerely,
Francesca Purcell
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From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920]
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:43:20 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Rebeckah,

I have passed that note on. Thank you again for your willingness to come address the group. I will link up you and Tim with a point of contact for that day should there be any issues.

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Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

All that should work , Scott.

One caveat – I am ethically precluded from talking about WOTUS so will have to leave that to others.

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From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] (b) (6) [@monsanto.com](#)
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

First of all, we are having severe company-wide email issues, so I hope this is getting to you on Friday morning, as I am hitting 'send.' I apologize for any delay in the response.

WHAT: Conversation with Monsanto Vegetable Advisory Council, a group of industry leaders who advise and provide counsel to our vegetable business leadership team

WHERE: W Hotel, 515 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004

WHEN: 10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 8

The agenda and Council biographies are attached. The overall theme of the day is “Regulatory and Market Trends that Will Impact Produce.” It is an informal, off-the-record conversation with an anticipation that Q&A will be part of the 50-minute time allotted. Here is what I think would be most beneficial to the group:

- The new Administration’s priorities and actions to date on regulatory reform in general, across agencies, and what may be in store for USDA, in particular
- Any thoughts on buyer stipulations around production methods and current regs for food safety, pesticides and organic standards
- I know it’s not in the USDA wheelhouse but any update on WOTUS may be of interest given the recent announcement of the intention of a December rewrite by EPA
- Any additional outlook for policy direction that will affect fruit and vegetable production, distribution or marketing
- Access to labor is not elsewhere on the agenda but is a topic of general interest in the produce value chain

(b) (6) Andrew Burchett, who is our Vegetable Industry Affairs lead, is who I replaced here in the DC office six years ago, so he would be well-versed enough to give you an introduction to the group. I can envision being asked for a biography, so if you have one, I can send it along. And please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime. Thank you for agreeing to speak with this group.

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Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Great news, Scott, we just finalize schedule and I get to come back early so should be able to be at your event!

Resend me details and what you want to cover.



Rebeckah

Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

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Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Hi Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and are staying cool. I wanted to check before the week is out to see if there's anyone at USDA in the way of a replacement who is available on Aug. 8 if you are on travel with the Secretary.

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Cc: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Scott –

It looks like I will be on travel now with the Secretary most of the week. However, give me a few days to see whether my 2nd chair here could fill in for me – he is doing tons of the work on reg reform with me. Give me a few more days to work out and pin down.

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From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@monsanto.com](mailto:(b) (6)@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and that you had a nice 4th of July. I am leaving for the rest of the week on work travel, but I wanted to check in with you following up on this request from May. As a reminder, Monsanto's Vegetable Advisory Council will be holding one of its two annual meetings here in Washington on Tuesday, August 8. I am assisting the folks in the business with putting the agenda together, and regulatory reform is a topic of great interest. If you have time on the morning of 8/8, we would love to have you come speak to the group and take questions. Once again, it is an informal, off-the-record gathering of our business leadership and major players in the vegetable value chain. The morning schedule is still mostly open but as I understand it, 10am-11am is a window being held open for you. I think earlier would work just fine, if it is more convenient.

If you can't make it but know of someone in the Secretary's office who is able to speak, please let me know. (b) (6) but am available to assist prior to that week with logistics, more info, anything you need. Thanks again for your consideration.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:36 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] (b) (6) [@monsanto.com](mailto:(b) (6)@monsanto.com)>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Interesting shared observation, Scott. All I can think is that is must be a slow news day. Me restating what is largely already in executive orders or that the Secretary has alluded to in public doesn't seem that newsworthy, but maybe it bears repeating?

I am not sure at this time what August will hold for OSEC. However, I thank you for the invitation and will absolutely add as a placeholder on my calendar. As the date draws closer, let's circle back to confirm whether I can participate and or if additional people or a surrogate is needed. I'm reasonably confident that USDA will be able to honor the invitation.

Kindly,

Rebeckah

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:s\(b\) \(6\)@monsanto.com](mailto:s(b) (6)@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well. I missed your talk at Farm Foundation this morning, but Politico was certainly hanging on your every word based on the news clips I have read today. I hope you thought the appearance was a good one.

This is far, far off into the future, but I wanted to get this invitation on your radar sooner rather than later. Monsanto has for some time had a Vegetable Advisory Council: a group of industry leaders who advise and provide counsel to our vegetable business leadership team. We usually balance our meetings between outside speakers/tours/visits that benefit the industry as a whole and with meetings or events on more Monsanto veg-business focused topics in order to get their feedback. The Council meets twice a year, typically once in St. Louis and once in another location. This August the meeting will be here in Washington.

We would like to invite you to meet with the Council on August 8 at the W Hotel in downtown Washington. This group would be interested to hear in the new Administration's thoughts on regulatory reform in general, and what may be in store for USDA, in particular. I expect the group would have thoughts on buyer stipulations around production methods and current regs for food safety, pesticides, organic standards, and so on. I can do whatever is helpful or necessary to get perspectives or possible questions ahead of time, but in general the meetings with this group are largely informal and free-flowing. I expect the group would hope for an hour of time, but I can check.

I've attached the biographies of the members of the Council. You will undoubtedly recognize or know some of the organizations and individual members.

If this time frame works for you, please let me know. I recognize it is in the heart of summer vacation season. If it does not but you can think of a colleague who may be able to speak to this group, please let me know that, as well, and we can discuss further. I look forward to hearing from you.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [James McVane](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting request
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 12:25:09 PM

Of course, always happy to meet with the NC crew!

Reb

From: James McVane [mailto: (b) (6)@bayer.com]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting request

Thanks Rebeckah.

For Baumann we would make the meeting the "anchor meeting" for his trip, so that would need to be with the Secretary. So I guess that we would have to wait until later.

I am trying to find some days for Jim Blome to come up from NC in the next few weeks. Can I take you up on the OSEC advisors offer for Jim?

Best,

Jim

PS - about to have lunch with J Vroom. Shall I pass on a "hello"?

Jim McVane
Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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On May 17, 2017, at 4:59 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Jim:

The Secretary will not be able to meet during the week requested, *but* the opportunity to host Mr. Baumann at USDA in the Secretary's office is very important to us.

Lauren asked me to reach out to Bayer as to whether we could offer a meeting with Senior OSEC Advisors and appropriate under cabinet leaders as an alternative option to discuss Bayer's issues and concerns for the Secretary?

We can also offer to try again at a later date when the Secretary's schedule normalizes (cross your fingers).

Let me know.

Reb

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Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request

Lauren,

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Jim

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From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 8:20 PM
To: James McVaney
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Meeting request

James,

I sincerely apologize for the delay. We are working to manage the Secretary's schedule for the next few weeks. I will reach back out to you early next week when we have a better sense of what the beginning of June looks like. Thank you for your understanding during our first few weeks!

Best,
Lauren

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Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting request

Lauren,

Rebeckah Adcock indicated that I should reach out to you about a potential meeting request for our global CEO, Werner Baumann. He would be company NG from Germany and this meeting would be the primary reason for his trip.

The primary focus would be to introduce himself and Bayer's agriculture business, and to discuss our planned acquisition of Monsanto.

We are targeting June 5. Is that even a possibility?

Thank you,

Jim

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Article in a PDF, if it's helpful.

Thanks again,
Laura

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## BUSINESS

# China Sews Up Record \$43 Billion Foreign Takeover Deal but Work Remains

State-owned ChemChina faces challenges to integrate Swiss agribusiness giant Syngenta in China's largest overseas acquisition to date



Syngenta shareholders have approved a takeover offer from state-owned ChemChina. PHOTO: MICHAEL BUHOLZER/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

*By Brian Spegele in Beijing and Kane Wu in Hong Kong*

Updated May 5, 2017 9:21 a.m. ET

China Inc. reached a new milestone in global acquisitions as shareholders of agro-giant Syngenta AG SYT -0.04% ▼ approved a \$43 billion takeover by China National Chemical Corp., sealing the country's biggest foreign deal to date.

The hard work may just be beginning, however, as China National Chemical, known as ChemChina, faces a series of challenges ranging from financing the deal to fusing the Swiss company into its own operations.

“Life begins after closing,” said Grace Fan-Delatour, a partner at law firm K&L Gates LLP, who advises state-owned Chinese companies on outbound investment and how to avoid the pitfalls that often bedevil big takeovers.

ChemChina executives will have to manage a balancing act as they look to expand Syngenta’s seed and pesticide businesses in China’s fragmented and inefficient agriculture sector while ensuring stability at the Swiss company’s operations in the U.S. and around the world.

At the same time, state-owned ChemChina must attract new equity investment to help cover Syngenta’s hefty price tag amid concerns over its debt levels.

Finally, more upheaval may be on the way: China’s government is contemplating a merger of ChemChina with state-owned conglomerate Sinochem Group, according to two people familiar with the situation.

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#### AT A GLANCE

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- **The Deal:** ChemChina said shareholders of seed-and-agrochemical producer Syngenta approved its \$43 billion acquisition offer. The deal would be China’s biggest foreign takeover to date, and would give it control of advanced technologies to modernize its farms.
- **The Challenges:** Among the biggest include integrating Syngenta’s global operations into the Chinese company, and analysts believe ChemChina will take a hands-off approach to managing Syngenta in the short-run. ChemChina still needs to secure fresh equity investment to help pay for the deal.
- **What Comes Next:** ChemChina is expected to take control of Syngenta May 18 after the first settlement payment, and the company says it is working to delist Syngenta’s shares in Switzerland and New York.

Both companies have previously denied reports of a planned tie-up. They didn’t respond to requests for comment Friday, nor did China’s State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, which is in charge of state-run companies.

In a joint statement, ChemChina and Syngenta on Friday said 80.7% of the Swiss company’s shares were tendered for the deal, based on a preliminary count, well above the 67% minimum needed for approval. The companies said the first settlement payment was scheduled for May 18, when ChemChina would take control.



Syngenta closed at 459.2 Swiss francs (\$465) a share Thursday, about 20% above the price before the deal was announced in February 2016. ChemChina will also pay a special dividend of five Swiss francs a share immediately before the deal's closing.

As the deal's completion nears, China has signaled it remains willing to spend top dollar for prized overseas assets despite its concerns over capital outflows that are tamping down its overall global deals activity.

The transaction also portends a profound shift in the agriculture sector globally, with China set to play a greater role in U.S. and other countries' food supplies as it scoops up technologies for its own farms. It also comes against the backdrop of broad industry consolidation, which has triggered objections from farmers over less choice and potentially higher prices.

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At its heart, however, the deal will help China modernize antiquated farming techniques that

have made it increasingly reliant on imports to feed its population of 1.4 billion. Granting farmers access to more-advanced foreign technology—including genetically modified seeds developed by Syngenta and its competitors—is likely to be part of overhauls that aim to industrialize farming in China.

With few exceptions, genetically modified seeds aren't allowed in China. Industry observers say this deal is likely to help change that over the coming years.

For Ren Jianxin, ChemChina's chairman and founder, the acquisition solidifies his place as one of China's top deal makers, coming after a series of transactions including the takeover of Italian tire producer Pirelli & C. SpA.

However, ChemChina might face further hurdles after its latest deal closes. Syngenta's net profit has fallen more than 25% over the past two years. The company has struggled with poor weather, exchange-rate volatility and deflationary forces that weakened crop prices—and reduced demand for its products.

"Syngenta was always, dare I say, viewed as the ugly stepchild of the industry," said Tyler Tebbs, an analyst who has followed the deal at brokerage firm Olivetree Financial Ltd.

While Mr. Ren has long been regarded as an aggressive mergers-and-acquisitions tactician, he is seen as less adept at staging a corporate turnaround. Success then may depend in part on selecting key ChemChina managers to lead the integration, industry analysts said.

Syngenta, for its part, has suggested ChemChina might take a hands-off approach to its operations, and has played up the expected long-term financial stability the takeover would bring to the company.

“Syngenta will stay Syngenta,” Chief Executive Erik Fyrwald said in an interview after the release of the company’s results on April 24, when it reported sales last quarter fell 1% from one year earlier, to \$3.7 billion.

One main benefit, he said, was having a long-term oriented owner at a time when research-and-development cycles for crop-related investments can last up to 10 years, which shareholders with a shorter-term focus “often don’t have the patience for.”

The political and strategic considerations help to explain why this transaction has been greenlighted by China’s government while other recent deals have sputtered amid tightened capital controls.



ChemChina and Syngenta said the first settlement payment under the takeover deal was scheduled for May 18, when ChemChina would take control. PHOTO: ANDY WONG/ASSOCIATED PRESS

“The reality is this: When China wants to do a deal, it will get the deal done,” said Hilary Lau, a partner who advises on Chinese deals for Herbert Smith Freehills LLP. Policy-driven deals “remain to be done regardless of the price tag.”

The acquisition has been approved by regulators in the U.S., European Union, China and Mexico, among others. In India, a government spokesman Friday declined to comment on the status of approval there.

To win approval from the EU, ChemChina agreed to divest itself of a large part of its European business for pesticides and other products that regulate crop growth.

To pay for the deal, ChemChina obtained \$50 billion in short-term loan facilities last year, according to U.S. securities filings by Syngenta. China Citic Bank International agreed to put up \$30 billion, while HSBC, together with three other European lenders, agreed to provide \$20 billion, according to the filings.

The M&A streak by ChemChina has led to warnings from credit-rating firms. Moody's Investors Service said in November it expected the acquisition of Syngenta to result in a pro forma ratio of debt to earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization—an important indicator of a company's debt risk—of about 11.4 times, up from 8.6 times at the end of 2015. An investment-grade company's ratio is typically under three times, according to credit analysts.

Seeking to limit its exposure, ChemChina began reaching out last year to state funds, including China Reform Holdings, and the country's \$40 billion Silk Road Fund, for equity investment, people familiar with the matter said previously. It also sought out private-equity firms and sovereign funds, these people said.

So far, the company has garnered a \$5 billion equity investment from an arm of Citic Ltd., an affiliate to its financial adviser China Citic Bank.

*—Brian Blackstone in Zurich and Vibhuti Agarwal in New Delhi contributed to this article*

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Dear Rebeckah,

Attached, please find a thank you note from Erik to Secretary Perdue. We greatly appreciated your time today. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kindly,  
Laura

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May 15, 2017

Secretary Sonny Perdue
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Dear Secretary Perdue,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you today. I value your perspective and insight on agriculture in United States, as well as your tireless efforts to address some of the current challenges we all face in this industry.

We look forward to working closely with you to forge an even stronger and more prosperous American agriculture economy.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time to follow up on the messaging we discussed, tools for farmers, or any other issues important to American agriculture. We offer ourselves as a resource and partner to USDA.

Again, my sincere congratulations on your confirmation, and thank you for your time today.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Erik Frywald", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erik Frywald

God Bless America!

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Thank you,
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Subject: Re: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8
Date: Saturday, July 08, 2017 10:08:07 AM

Thanks, Rebeckah. I appreciate you looking into a suitable speaker while you are on travel. I'm around for most of the next two weeks so I should be reachable. Enjoy the weekend.

Scott

On Jul 7, 2017, at 5:08 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Scott –

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Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and that you had a nice 4th of July. I am leaving for the rest of the week on work travel, but I wanted to check in with you following up on this request from May. As a reminder, Monsanto's Vegetable Advisory Council will be holding one of its two annual meetings here in Washington on Tuesday, August 8. I am assisting the folks in the business with putting the agenda together, and regulatory reform is a topic of great interest. If you have time on the morning of 8/8, we would love to have you come speak to the group and take questions. Once again, it is an informal, off-the-record gathering of our business leadership and major players in the vegetable value chain. The morning schedule is still mostly open but as I understand it, 10am-11am is a window being held open for you. I think earlier would work just fine, if it is more convenient.

If you can't make it but know of someone in the Secretary's office who is able to speak,

please let me know. (b) (6) but am available to assist prior to that week with logistics, more info, anything you need. Thanks again for your consideration.

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Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Interesting shared observation, Scott. All I can think is that is must be a slow news day. Me restating what is largely already in executive orders or that the Secretary has alluded to in public doesn't seem that newsworthy, but maybe it bears repeating?

I am not sure at this time what August will hold for OSEC. However, I thank you for the invitation and will absolutely add as a placeholder on my calendar. As the date draws closer, let's circle back to confirm whether I can participate and or if additional people or a surrogate is needed. I'm reasonably confident that USDA will be able to honor the invitation.

Kindly,

Rebeckah

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [mailto:(b) (6)@monsanto.com]
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Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well. I missed your talk at Farm Foundation this morning, but Politico was certainly hanging on your every word based on the news clips I have read

today. I hope you thought the appearance was a good one.

This is far, far off into the future, but I wanted to get this invitation on your radar sooner rather than later. Monsanto has for some time had a Vegetable Advisory Council: a group of industry leaders who advise and provide counsel to our vegetable business leadership team. We usually balance our meetings between outside speakers/tours/visits that benefit the industry as a whole and with meetings or events on more Monsanto veg-business focused topics in order to get their feedback. The Council meets twice a year, typically once in St. Louis and once in another location. This August the meeting will be here in Washington.

We would like to invite you to meet with the Council on August 8 at the W Hotel in downtown Washington. This group would be interested to hear in the new Administration's thoughts on regulatory reform in general, and what may be in store for USDA, in particular. I expect the group would have thoughts on buyer stipulations around production methods and current regs for food safety, pesticides, organic standards, and so on. I can do whatever is helpful or necessary to get perspectives or possible questions ahead of time, but in general the meetings with this group are largely informal and free-flowing. I expect the group would hope for an hour of time, but I can check.

I've attached the biographies of the members of the Council. You will undoubtedly recognize or know some of the organizations and individual members.

If this time frame works for you, please let me know. I recognize it is in the heart of summer vacation season. If it does not but you can think of a colleague who may be able to speak to this group, please let me know that, as well, and we can discuss further. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Note Ag trade press reports of his travel out west this week.

Rebeckah Adcock

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On Jun 1, 2017, at 12:39 PM, James McVaney <(b) (6)@bayer.com> wrote:

That's what I need. Thank you

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He left town on Tues.

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Subject: RE: CLI meeting

Thanks. The meeting was Tues and Wednesday of this week in DC. Was the sec around?

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I'm not certain as that request did not go thru me. It may be accurate though as the Secretary has and will be on the road a lot for lately and thru the summer – making up for lost time.

Would have to defer to scheduler, my COS and CLA/CLI on this one.

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Did the meeting for the Sec with the CLI board get cancelled?

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Hi Rebeckah,

Thank you for your note. Attached is an FAQ. We look forward to seeing you soon and visiting with the Secretary. Thank you again for your time.

Kindly,
Laura

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FYI – thanks Team USDA!

<https://www.bio.org/press-release/bio-statement-us-china-comprehensive-economic-dialogue>

Kindly,
Laura



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BIO Statement on U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue

Washington, D.C. (May 12, 2017) – The Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) issued the following statement regarding initial results of the 100-Day Action Plan of the U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue:

“The Biotechnology Innovation Organization welcomes news of the U.S.-China agreement on initial results of the 100-day Action Plan of the U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue,” said Joseph Damond Executive Vice President for International Affairs. “The agreement marks an important first step in the 100-day plan and towards broader engagement through the newly formed U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue.”

“Considering the history of this issue, the ultimate test of success will be for China to follow its process and quickly approve the eight pending biotechnology applications and establish a synchronized, timely and predictable process going forward,” added Damond. “BIO will continue to engage through this process to monitor the implementation of the agreement.”

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Hi Rebeckah,

Thanks so much for the quick reply. That's great to hear! I just put in a message to my contact organizing the meeting to get an exact timeslot and details if they differ from what is below. I'll be in touch as soon as I hear back.

Scott

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Great news, Scott, we just finalize schedule and I get to come back early so should be able to be at your event!

Resend me details and what you want to cover.



Rebeckah

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Hi Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and are staying cool. I wanted to check before the week is out to see if there's anyone at USDA in the way of a replacement who is available on Aug. 8 if you are on travel with the Secretary.

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From: James McVaney
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Taylor?
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:47:29 PM

Hey Rebeckah, what is Taylor's last name who works for the Secretary?

Best,

Jim

Jim McVaney
Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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Subject: FW: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 12:58:31 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hello Rebeckah,

At your earliest convenience, please forward your bio for inclusion in our meeting materials.

Thank you,
Kathy

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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: SHARP, KATHRYN A [AG/1000] (b) (6) @monsanto.com>
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Rebeckah and Tim,

As I mentioned earlier, I am out of town the week of our Vegetable Advisory Council event. I have cc'ed Kathryn Sharp who can assist with logistics leading up to the day of the talk. You are also welcome (but not expected) to stay for lunch, Rebeckah, and Kathy can assist with the reimbursement logistics/gymnastics that can entail if you would like to take the group up on it.

IN the meantime you are welcome to reach out with any additional questions. I have informed our folks of the WOTUS issue, so that is understood.

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All that should work , Scott.

One caveat – I am ethically precluded from talking about WOTUS so will have to leave that to others.

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Rebeckah,

First of all, we are having severe company-wide email issues, so I hope this is getting to you on Friday morning, as I am hitting 'send.' I apologize for any delay in the response.

WHAT: Conversation with Monsanto Vegetable Advisory Council, a group of industry leaders who advise and provide counsel to our vegetable business leadership team

WHERE: W Hotel, 515 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004

WHEN: 10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 8

The agenda and Council biographies are attached. The overall theme of the day is "Regulatory and Market Trends that Will Impact Produce." It is an informal, off-the-record conversation with an anticipation that Q&A will be part of the 50-minute time allotted. Here is what I think would be most beneficial to the group:

- The new Administration's priorities and actions to date on regulatory reform in general, across agencies, and what may be in store for USDA, in particular
- Any thoughts on buyer stipulations around production methods and current regs for food safety, pesticides and organic standards
- I know it's not in the USDA wheelhouse but any update on WOTUS may be of interest given the recent announcement of the intention of a December rewrite by EPA
- Any additional outlook for policy direction that will affect fruit and vegetable production, distribution or marketing
- Access to labor is not elsewhere on the agenda but is a topic of general interest in the produce value chain

(b) (6). Andrew Burchett, who is our Vegetable Industry Affairs lead, is who I replaced here in the DC office six years ago, so he would be well-versed enough to give you an introduction to the group. I can envision being asked for a biography, so if you have one, I can send it along. And please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime. Thank you for agreeing to speak with this group.

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Great news, Scott, we just finalize schedule and I get to come back early so should be able to be at your event!

Resend me details and what you want to cover.



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Subject: Thank you
Date: Monday, August 21, 2017 5:38:58 PM

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I apologize for the belated note, (b) (6) and then had to do some extra work travel. In speaking with my colleague Andrew Burchett, who directs the Council, he spoke highly of your talk and the feedback amongst the group about the information you provided. I hope you enjoyed the conversation and I'm sorry I was unable to make it, but the (b) (6)

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To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Thank You
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 9:34:23 AM

Dear Heidi and Rebeckah,

Thank you very much for facilitating our meeting with Secretary Perdue yesterday. Erik was honored to spend time with the Secretary, and we are grateful for all of your tireless efforts on behalf of American agriculture. We are in wonderful hands with your leadership and knowledge. Thanks again, and have a great week. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kindly,
Laura

Laura Peterson

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Subject: Ag Guidance - Discuss Interagency Comments on both EPCRA and CERCLA
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To all –
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Thanks,
Bill
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Subject: RE: ESA Interagency Meeting with EPA, Commerce, USDA and DOI (Call in number 1-866-299-3188, access code (b) (6))
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:29:47 AM

Rebeckah,

Yes, I did receive your note, and thanks for letting me know. I definitely understand the challenges of important multiple demands on schedules. We will see what we can do to bring all the critical parties together and will get back to you.

Wendy

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
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Wendy,

I hope you received my note suggesting an alternative day and time next week. Next Thursday is a very full day here at USDA due to the inaugural meeting of the Ag and Rural Prosperity Multiagency Task Force. I am not able to participate at the time proposed, but offered a time next Tuesday and could look to other days and time, too.

Adding my USDA colleagues as FYI.

Rebeckah Adcock
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> On Jun 7, 2017, at 10:19 AM, Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy <Cleland-Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov> wrote:
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Subject: Background Information for ESA Interagency Meeting (June 19, 2017)
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 5:28:17 PM
Attachments: [ESA Background Briefing_6_19_2017.pptx](#)

Good afternoon,

Please find attached background information (powerpoint slide deck) in preparation for the endangered species interagency meeting scheduled for next Monday, June 19, 2017. The meeting agenda will be sent separately.

Regards,

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From: Milhouse, Gloria
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: ESA Meeting with EPA
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:05:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Rebeckah,

Thanks for your response I am checking with the others. Hopefully we can make it happen for June 13th. Thanks

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:59 PM
To: Milhouse, Gloria <Milhouse.Gloria@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ESA Meeting with EPA

Gloria –

I am manning my own ship today, and looking at my colleagues calendars, on **the 13th we all three appear to be open from 2:30 to 5:30 pm**. Let me know whether that window is workable for others, else we can find another day to work with.



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From: Milhouse, Gloria [mailto:Milhouse.Gloria@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 2:40 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: ESA Meeting with EPA
Importance: High

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Gloria Milhouse, Program Analyst to Wendy Cleland-Hamnett, Acting AA

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To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: ESA Meeting with EPA
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:48:19 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Great, I will get back with you. Thanks

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:46 PM
To: Milhouse, Gloria <Milhouse.Gloria@epa.gov>
Cc: Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>; Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: ESA Meeting with EPA

Gloria – So far as I can tell from calendars we each appear to be open from 1-4 pm on Monday, June 19th.

Rebeckah

From: Milhouse, Gloria [mailto:Milhouse.Gloria@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <[Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov](#)>
Subject: RE: ESA Meeting with EPA

Rebeckah,

If possible any time open on the Wednesday, June 14th? or Monday, June 19th? Let me know when you get a chance. Thanks

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:59 PM
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Noggle, William](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Ag Guidance - Discuss Interagency Comments on both EPCRA and CERCLA
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 3:52:59 PM

Not available at time requested

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

From: Davis, Patrick
To: [Miller, Carly - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: CERCLA/EPCRA reporting
Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 2:37:28 PM

Hi Carly,

Thank you for the introduction.

Hi Rebeckah,

I am traveling myself on Thursday and Friday. Could we visit by phone early next week?

Thanks,

Patrick Davis
Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Land and Emergency Management
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From: Miller, Carly - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:carly.miller@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 2:32 PM
To: Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: CERCLA/EPCRA reporting

Hi Patrick,

I am looping in Rebeckah Adcock who would be the most appropriate contact at USDA. She is in WV with the Secretary today but will return tomorrow.

Thanks!

Carly

From: Davis, Patrick [mailto:davis.patrick@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Miller, Carly - OSEC, Washington, DC <carly.miller@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: CERCLA/EPCRA reporting

Hi Carly,

Charles Munoz, EPA White House Liaison, shared your name with me.

I am a political appointee at EPA need to a political POC at USDA to discuss CERCLA/EPCRA compliance with emissions from farm animals.

Who should I speak with regarding this matter?

Thanks,

Patrick Davis
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To: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Cc: [Abbott, Linda - OCE](#); [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#); [Beck, Nancy](#); [Johansson, Robert - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:14:39 PM

Whatever works best for most

Rebeckah Adcock
 Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

> On Jul 6, 2017, at 2:13 PM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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> All work for me. Best to maximize our time for the discussion.

> Sheryl

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> Sent from my iPad

>

>> On Jul 6, 2017, at 2:11 PM, Abbott, Linda - OCE <LAbbott@oce.usda.gov> wrote:

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>> Nancy has a meeting immediately after ours, starting at 1:00, at her office at 12th and Constitution. Originally, she had in mind that we could meet over lunch. I made a reservation at the USDA Whitten People's buffet. If USDA participants could meet outside of USDA, I'd make a reservation somewhere more convenient.

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From: Bennett, Tate
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Brown, Byron](#)
Subject: Economic Development Meeting today
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:50:47 PM

Do we owe you anything in advance? Anything for the record? I didn't see anything but just wanted to double check. Sorry to bother!

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: sands.jeffrey@epa.gov
Subject: Call me
Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 5:03:57 PM

Time for quality time with USDA.

Rebeckah Adcock
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From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: sands.jeffrey@epa.gov
Subject: Block for USDA Briefings and Lunch

Confirm whether this works and I'll begin lining up the people.

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From: Bennett, Tate
To: [Bennett, Tate](#)
Cc: [Gordon, Stephen](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Update on 2015 WOTUS
Date: Monday, November 06, 2017 11:53:14 AM

Hi there! Reporting live from EPA HQ this morning. Just wanted to provide you folks with the following update on 2015 WOTUS:

In order to provide regulatory certainty, EPA and the Department of the Army have sent a proposed rule to the Office of Management and Budget for interagency review that would amend the effective date associated with the 2015 Clean Water Rule to give the agencies time to consider the two-step process proposing to rescind and revise the 2015 rule.

Background

The 2015 rule, which redefined the scope of where the Clean Water Act applies, had an effective date of August 28, 2015. Implementation of the 2015 rule is currently on hold as a result of the Sixth Circuit's nationwide stay of the rule. The 2015 rule is also stayed in 13 states due to a District of North Dakota court ruling. EPA and the Army are taking this action to provide certainty and consistency to the regulated community. Once the interagency review is complete, EPA will issue [the proposal](#) for public review and comment. More information: <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule>

Let us know if you have any questions.

Tate

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Jakob, Avivah](#)
Cc: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Smith, Connie - OSEC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Milhouse, Gloria](#)
Subject: RE: ESA Interagency Meeting w/ EPA: Request to Schedule Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:34:22 AM
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Received, but unfortunately, I have an unmovable conflicts at that time and nearly all day on Thurs the 15th. Pardon the ask, but would another day next week be a possibility for EPA and others?

Thank you for organizing,



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From: Jakob, Avivah [mailto:Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>; Smith, Connie - OSEC <Connie.Smith@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>; Milhouse, Gloria <Milhouse.Gloria@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ESA Interagency Meeting w/ EPA: Request to Schedule Meeting

Good afternoon,

An invite was sent out this afternoon. Gloria Milhouse (cc'd) is in charge of scheduling on our end, please let her know if you didn't receive it. (milhouse.gloria@epa.gov)

Regards,

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov>
Cc: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>; Smith, Connie - OSEC <Connie.Smith@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: ESA Interagency Meeting w/ EPA: Request to Schedule Meeting

Thank for the outreach. I am happy to initiate the scheduling at USDA. Please let me know what dates are under consideration.

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jun 2, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

My name is Avivah Jakob and I work at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a special assistant in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. EPA would like to schedule an interagency meeting with the Department of Commerce, Department of Interior, and Department of Agriculture, to discuss potential endangered species act implementation improvements. To schedule the meeting, please let me know if there is a specific USDA point of contact I can work with to schedule this meeting.

USDA Invitees
Rebeckah Adcock
Sheryl Kunickis
Stephen Vaden

Meeting Date: Mid-June (after 6/15)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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From: Beck, Nancy
To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Greenwalt, Sarah](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Subject: RE: ESA issues
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:47:49 AM
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Thank you!

Nancy B. Beck, Ph.D., DABT
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From: Vaden, Stephen - OGC [<mailto:Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:36 AM
To: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: ESA issues

James Uthmeier, Deputy General Counsel at Commerce, has been involved with these issues on the legal front.

Stephen

From: Greenwalt, Sarah [<mailto:greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: ESA issues

That is wonderful. We are also hoping to engage with Commerce, but do not know who the POC is over there for these issues. Do you have any ideas? Once we locate someone at Commerce we will schedule an initial call or meeting to discuss further steps.

Looking forward to working with you!

Sarah A. Greenwalt
 Senior Advisor to the Administrator
 for Water and Cross-Cutting Issues

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Greenwalt.Sarah@epa.gov

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 5:46 PM
To: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Cc: Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>; Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: ESA issues

Sarah –

Thank you for reaching out on this issue that is very important to agriculture. ESA is front of mind at USDA so we work on it as a 3-person team - Stephen Vaden, Acting General Counsel; myself for the Office of the Secretary, and; Sheryl Kunickis, Director of USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy.

We would be very pleased to join the conversation.

Kindly,



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From: Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: ESA issues

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From: Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:37 PM
To: 'Greenwalt, Sarah' <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ESA issues

Sarah, let me survey the candidates and ID who is best. Back to you soon.
brian

Brian Klippenstein

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From: Greenwalt, Sarah [<mailto:greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:27 PM

To: Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brian.Klippenstein@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: ESA issues

Hi Brian,

Hope all is well. The Administrator and staff here at EPA are interested in having a discussion with USDA regarding broad ESA issues that have been brought to our attention. Who in your shop would be interested in joining that conversation? Appreciate any time you have.

Best,

Sarah A. Greenwalt

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Cc: [Cory, Preston \(Katherine\)](#)
Bcc: [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Hazlett, Anne - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: EPA Proposes RFS Volumes Reflective of Market Realities for 2018 - Preview
Date: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 3:31:11 PM
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EPA Proposes RFS Volumes Reflective of Market Realities for 2018
Starting Technical Analysis to Inform Future Reset Rules

WASHINGTON - (July 5, 2017) Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a proposed rule setting the minimum amount of renewable fuels that must be supplied to the market in calendar year 2018 under the Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS)

program. Today's action proposes volume requirements and associated percentage standards that maintain renewable fuel volumes at levels comparable to the 2017 standards, recognizing limits to the growth of cellulosic and advanced biofuels.

EPA is committed to successfully administering the RFS consistent with the direction entrusted to the Agency by Congress and is on track to meet the November 30th statutory deadline to make today's proposed Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) final. The proposed volumes are based on requirements under the law and an analysis of current market dynamics, including energy demand, biofuel production, and market constraints. The proposed standards will help stabilize the renewable fuels program and provide certainty for stakeholders.

"Increased fuel security is an important component of the path toward American energy dominance," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "We are proposing new volumes consistent with market realities focused on actual production and consumer demand while being cognizant of the challenges that exist in bringing advanced biofuels into the marketplace. Timely implementation provides certainty to American refiners, the agriculture community and broader fuels industry, all of which play an important role in the RFS program."

Some key elements of today's action:

- Non-advanced or "conventional" renewable fuel volumes are maintained at the 15-billion gallon target set by Congress.
- The biomass-based diesel standard for 2019 would be maintained at the 2018 levels of 2.1 billion gallons.
- EPA is beginning technical analysis that will inform a future rule to reset the statutory volumes for cellulosic, advanced, and total biofuels. The law requires this reset when certain conditions are met.

EPA is also taking comment on addressing concerns that some RFS obligations are increasingly met with imported fuel from Brazil, Argentina and Indonesia. Additionally, the Agency is assessing higher levels of ethanol-free gasoline and bolstering an existing MOU with the Commodity Future Trading Commission (CTCF) to analyze and address a host of market concerns, including the need for increased transparency.

"The Clean Air Act requires EPA to reset volume targets when certain conditions are met. We expect those conditions to be met in the near future, so we are conducting technical analysis now, to inform future reset rules," said Administrator Pruitt.

Proposed and Final Renewable Fuel Volume Requirements for 2014-2019

	2017	Proposed 2018	Proposed 2019
Cellulosic biofuel (million gallons):	311	238	n/a
Biomass-based diesel (billion gallons):	2.0	2.1*	2.1
Advanced biofuel (billion gallons):	4.28	4.24	n/a
Renewable fuel (billion gallons):	19.28	19.24	n/a

*Biomass-based diesel standard is final for 2018.

For more information on today's announcement, go

to: <https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/2017-announcements-renewable-fuel-standard>



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From: Bennett, Tate
To: [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Heads up: Proposed RVO volumes for RFS
Date: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:01:52 AM

We are likely signing a FR notice proposing 2018 volume levels later today. This is so we can stay on track to meet the Nov 30 statutory deadline to make the RVO's final for 2018.

Happy to chat further on specifics via phone- 202-329-3948.

-Tate

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: sands.jeffrey@epa.gov
Subject: ARPTF for EPA 11 6 17
Date: Monday, November 06, 2017 12:32:02 PM
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To: [Gulac, Catherine](#); [Solomon, Gerald \(OST\)](#)
Cc: [Fountain, Matt - RD, Washington, DC](#); [Colosimo, Robyn S CIV USARMY HQDA ASA CW \(US\)](#); [Herrgott, Alex H. EOP/CEQ](#); [Harkins, Michael W. EOP/CEQ](#); [Owens, Kelsey - RD, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Burtthey, Grover \(OST\)](#)
Subject: RE: Pre Meeting Scheduling
Date: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:01:54 AM

I can do Monday at 10, Monday at 2, or Tuesday at 11.

Thanks

Henry

From: Gulac, Catherine [mailto:catherine_gulac@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Solomon, Gerald (OST) <Gerald.Solomon@dot.gov>
Cc: Fountain, Matt - RD, Washington, DC <Matthew.Fountain@osec.usda.gov>; Colosimo, Robyn S CIV USARMY HQDA ASA CW (US) <robyn.s.colosimo.civ@mail.mil>; Herrgott, Alex H. EOP/CEQ <(b) (6)@ceq.eop.gov>; Harkins, Michael W. EOP/CEQ <(b) (6)@ceq.eop.gov>; Owens, Kelsey - RD, Washington, DC <kelsey.owens@osec.usda.gov>; Darwin, Henry <darwin.henry@epa.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Burtthey, Grover (OST) <grover.burtthey@dot.gov>
Subject: Re: Pre Meeting Scheduling

Mr. Cason's availability:

Mon, Nov 6:
 9:00am - 11:30am
 1:00pm-3:00pm

Tue, Nov 7:
 9:00am - 12:00noon

Thanks!
 Cathy

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On Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 2:57 PM, Solomon, Gerald (OST) <Gerald.Solomon@dot.gov> wrote:

Thank you Matt. The preferred times are as follows:

Monday – 9-11 or after 4
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Subject: Pre Meeting Scheduling
Importance: High

All,

Following up on the call today to get a date on the calendar for our next meeting
 Since next week is a holiday weekend, let's look at Monday through Wednesday.

Please let me know a few good times for you in that range by replying to this email.

Very Respectfully,

Matthew Fountain
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Subject: FW: EMBARGOED UNTIL 2 PM- EPA and the Army Propose to Amend the Effective Date of the 2015 Rule Defining "Waters of the United States"
Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:48:20 PM

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Just in case you want to send to usda and Ray!

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of the Army (the agencies) are proposing to amend the effective date of the 2015 rule defining "waters of the United States." The agencies are proposing that the 2015 rule would not go into effect until two years after today's action is finalized and published in the Federal Register. This amendment would give the agencies the time needed to reconsider the definition of "waters of the United States."

"Today's proposal shows our commitment to our state and tribal partners and to providing regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers, ranchers and businesses," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "This step will allow us to minimize confusion as we continue to receive input from across the country on how we should revise the definition of the 'waters of the United States.'"

The 2015 rule, which redefined the scope of where the Clean Water Act applies, had an effective date of August 28, 2015. Implementation of the 2015 rule is currently on hold as a result of the Sixth Circuit's nationwide stay of the rule, but that stay may be

affected by a pending Supreme Court case. The 2015 rule is also stayed in 13 states due to a North Dakota district court ruling. EPA and the Army are taking this action to provide certainty and consistency to the regulated community.

"The Army, together with the Army Corps of Engineers, propose this rule with EPA to help continue to provide clarity and predictability to the regulated public during the rule making process. We are committed to implementing the Clean Water Act Section 404 regulatory program as transparently as possible for the regulated public," said Mr. Ryan Fisher, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

This action follows the February 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order on "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." The February Order states that it is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution.

The agencies' proposal is separate from the two-step process the agencies propose to take to reconsider the 2015 rule. The comment period for the Step 1 rule closed in September and the agencies are currently working to review the comments received from the public. The agencies are also in the process of holding listening sessions with stakeholders as we work to develop a proposed Step 2 rule that would revise the definition of "waters of the United States."

The agencies will be collecting public comment on this proposal for 21 days after publication in the Federal Register and plan to move quickly to take final action in early 2018.

Additional information on this proposal and how to comment: www.epa.gov/wotus-rule

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Subject: CORRECTION THE 1:30 mtg is NOT Cancelled RE: Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Task Force - Conference Call (800) 981-3173 Conf [\(b\) \(6\)](#)
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:26:05 PM
Importance: High

Pardon the confusion. We are on the line for those who can join us!

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Subject: 1:30 mtg CANCELLED RE: Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Task Force - Conference Call (800) 981-3173 Conf 4326#

Importance: High

Hi All, this 1:30 meeting is cancelled. We will reschedule for a later time this week or next week.

Thanks!

Jannine

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From: Bojes, Gary - RD, Washington, DC

Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 9:17 AM

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Quality of Life Work group,

The four work groups of the ARPTF will be joining the call to discuss recommendations and next steps for the task force. Attached below is the list of current recommendations – we hope you will be able to join!

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Subject: RE: Toyota Follow Up
Date: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 5:04:37 PM
Attachments: [USACE Reg Reform - AGC.PDF](#)

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Thanks again.

Best, Nena

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Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Darwin, Henry; Brown, Byron; Tomiak, Robert; Tejada, Matthew; Letendre, Daisy; Shaw, Nena; (b) (6) @toyota.com; (b) (6) @toyota.com
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Subject: Toyota Follow Up
When: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 1:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 3402 WJC-N

From: Bennett, Tate
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: WOTUS Tour Dates
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 1:39:29 PM

Hi there Rebeckah and Blake-

Per our conversations earlier this week, I wanted pass along some preliminary information on Administrator Pruitt's upcoming WOTUS stakeholder tour (note this is different/seperate from upcoming GA tree farm visit). Once this is further fleshed out/ once I can draft a line by line, I will send you all an update. However, know that these dates are locked in with organizers/ stakeholders.

No pressure for Team Perdue to attend whatsoever, but I know my boss would love to have you all should stars align. Also, happy to answer any logistical ?'s as well. 2023293948. -Tate

- July 24-

MORNING: Strawberry farm outside of Charleston, SC will host THE Scott Pruitt WOTUS Kickoff Tour. SC Governor, AG, and Ag Commissioner will be in attendance. Inviting Sen. Scott as well. 3 different industry groups driving a crowd (can explain further offline) Speech format. Stage and large audience.

AFTERNOON: Separate lunch to follow with local homebuilders assn.

- August 7- Iowa
- MORNING: WOTUS Stop. CITY TBD. The WH is helping us organize this one. Governor Reynolds to attend, Ag Commissioner and we are inviting Sens. Ernst and Grassley.
- August 8-9- Several North Dakota stops. We will incorporate one big WOTUS event with Gov. Burgum, Commissioner Goehring and Sen. Hoeven.
- August 29-

AFTERNOON: Kentucky WOTUS event hosted by Leader McConnell and Commissioner Ryan Quarles, along with UK College of Agriculture, Kentucky Farm Bureau, KY Cattlemen's Association, KY Corn. Tentative location at Alltech outside of Lexington.

From: Burns, Michael
To: [Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Cullo, Diane - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: College Underserved Community Prtnership Program (CUPP)
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:22:54 PM

Thanks much Mr. Young. Ms. Cullo and Ms. Adcock, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I believe you will find this program to be of great benefit. My e-mail address is burns.michael@epa.gov, and my number is 404-562-8228.

Michael W. Burns

Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator, EPA Region 4/National CUPP Program
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<http://www2.epa.gov/communityhealth/collegeunderserved-community-partnership-program>

From: Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 12:14:07 PM
To: Burns, Michael
Cc: Cullo, Diane - OSEC, Washington, DC; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: College Underserved Community Prtnership Program (CUPP)

Dear Mr. Burns:

A pleasure to hear from you. Thank you for bringing my attention to CUPP.

Copied on this email are two of the Secretary's senior advisories, both of whom are directly relevant to this conversation. Among the many hats that both ladies wear, Rebeckah is spearheading our Rural Prosperity Task Force efforts, and Diane our Advocacy and Outreach work. Those two mission areas are directly informed by this conversation.

Rather than play the middle man, I thought I would simply connect the three of you.

Rebeckah and Diane, at your convenience, please connect with Mr. Burns and understand how we can collaborate.

Thank you, all.
 Chris

From: Burns, Michael [mailto:Burns.Michael@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: College Underserved Community Prtnership Program (CUPP)

Mr. Young:

My name is Michael Burns with EPA in Region 4 (Atlanta). I am currently on loan to the Department of Interior. I am the National Program Manager of the College Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP), which gets colleges and universities to voluntarily provide technical assistance to poor rural and urban communities. We currently have 65 colleges in the program in 20 states across the country providing a variety of technical assistance which they are providing at no cost.

I begin working this program with USDA Rural Development in 2013, and they, as well as other agencies within USDA have been very supportive of the program, as it supports USDA's mission. We have a nationwide agreement with USDA to collaborate on this program. The program began in Georgia (that is where I am based), and we have done projects in the very area where the Secretary comes from. I believe that he would find this program very beneficial to the Department.

I would like to talk to you about the program, and how it will support the mission of USDA, if it is possible. I have attached a brief information paper about the program, as well as a write up on a couple examples fo the work that has been done. I have many more specific examples of the work that has been done if you are interested. My e-mail address is burns.michael@epa.gov, and my number is 404-562-8228.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: RE: Toyota Follow Up
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Attachments: [NEPA EIS Data.pdf](#)
[EIS distribution by federal agency.pptx](#)

Wanted to share some data from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). The first attachment reflects the cycle time distribution by 3 major milestone categories and overall cycle time distribution by frequency. The second attachment reflects EIS volume by agency over about a 12 year period. The second attachment seems to at a glance indicate that roughly 300 EISs across the entire federal government per year might be in the ball park; although I don't know if there is a trend reflecting a decline or increase.

I have reached out to CEQ and asked for the data behind their numbers which would be useful to the analytics we discussed yesterday (such as life cycle sorted by project type).

Thanks, Rob

Rob Tomiak
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Subject: EPA goes after Times on chlorpyrifos
Date: Monday, August 21, 2017 7:45:23 PM

See article!

EPA goes after Times on chlorpyrifos

08/21/17 5:21 PM By *Steve Davies*

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 21, 2017 - The EPA is pushing back against a New York Times report that describes some of the internal deliberations leading up to the agency's decision to deny a petition that sought to ban the widely used pesticide chlorpyrifos.

In its [story](#), published in the paper's print edition Saturday, the Times cited emails obtained through a Freedom of Information request that it said "show how the EPA's new staff, appointed by President Trump, pushed the agency's career staff to draft a ruling that would deny [the decade-old petition by environmentalists](#)."

The article also described a meeting with Washington state Farm Bureau officials at which EPA chief Scott Pruitt said the administration understands the significant economic impact agriculture has in the U.S., and that he was looking forward to working with the farm community.

EPA, however, took exception to the article, [accusing](#) the Times of reporting "false facts" and "never letting the facts get in the way of a good story." For good measure, the agency threw in a [recent flub](#) where the Times mistakenly said it was the first to report on a draft climate change report that had actually been posted online

for months.

In particular, EPA was upset that the Times did not include the agency's full response to its reporting. EPA spokesman Amy Graham told the Times that “taking emails out of context doesn’t change the fact that we continue to examine the science surrounding chlorpyrifos, while taking into account USDA’s scientific concerns with methodology used by the previous administration.” But when the Times ran its article, it left out the “USDA” in front of “scientific concerns,” which EPA called a “drastic decision.”

“It’s clear the New York Times edited this one-sentence statement in order to advance their agenda and to get clicks, not because of the length of our statement,” Graham said today

Asked about which “false facts” the Times had reported and whether EPA had met with environmental groups before making its chlorpyrifos decision, Graham said the EPA statement “speaks for itself” but added that “editing our statement to omit reference to USDA’s scientific concerns is just one of several ways this story is misleading.”

Graham also did not respond to a question as to whether political appointees directed career staff to prepare the Federal Register notice denying the petition. The Times article did note that EPA coordinated its decision with USDA and that USDA supported it. When EPA announced denial of the petition, the [press release](#) included comments from Sheryl Kunickis, head of USDA’s Office of Pest Management Policy, who said, “This is a welcome decision grounded in evidence and science. It means that this important pest management tool will remain available to growers, helping to ensure an abundant and affordable food supply for this nation and the world.”

Chlorpyrifos, manufactured by Dow, is used on dozens of crops, including strawberries, apples, citrus and almonds, under the trade name Lorsban. [Dow AgroSciences](#) maintains that authorized uses of chlorpyrifos products “offer wide margins of protection for human health and safety.”

But environmental and farmworker groups have been trying for years to get rid of the chemical. [The Natural Resources Defense Council](#) and [Pesticide Action Network](#) petitioned EPA in 2007 to ban it on the grounds that it causes neurodevelopmental harm through both drift and diet – specifically to the developing brains of infants and children.

After multiple scientific reviews and legal action by NRDC and PAN, EPA

proposed in November 2015 to revoke all food tolerances for chlorpyrifos because it could not determine whether the “aggregate exposure from all existing uses,” including food and drinking water, was safe.

Under the safety standard of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, “EPA can only retain chlorpyrifos tolerances if it is able to conclude that such tolerances are safe,” the agency said in the [proposal](#).

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, as part of litigation brought by NRDC and PAN, gave the agency until March 31, 2017, to make a final decision. When it did, EPA said “the science addressing neurodevelopmental effects remains unresolved and that further evaluation of the science during the remaining time for completion of registration review is warranted to achieve greater certainty as to whether the potential exists for adverse neurodevelopmental effects to occur from current human exposures to chlorpyrifos.”

That gave the agency until October 2022, when chlorpyrifos’ registration runs out, to make a decision on whether it should continue to be used.

[Earthjustice](#) attorney Patti Goldman, who represents NRDC and PAN, said the groups are continuing to press their case. Both organizations, along with 10 others, submitted [objections](#) to EPA’s decision in June. In a brief interview Monday, Goldman said EPA’s decision does not conclude that chlorpyrifos is safe – a point also made in the objections.

Goldman also said EPA’s statement was misleading in several ways. EPA said the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, in July, [rejected](#) the environmentalists’ appeal of the March decision. Goldman, however, said the appeal continues, through the objections filed through the administrative process.

EPA also said that “despite having eight years to review the petition on chlorpyrifos, the Obama administration never banned chlorpyrifos.” But Goldman said that was clearly the direction EPA was heading. “They were going to ban it; that’s what the proposal was,” she said.

“I think in the end, this decision will not be upheld, but it’ll take a long time,” Goldman said.

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By Esther Whieldon

10/05/2017 01:57 PM EDT

The Interior Department says it is terminating the Obama administration's proposal to block mining on about 10 million acres of sage grouse habitat in the West, and it announced plans to alter the land-use plans the agency put in place in 2015.

In notices posted on its website that will be published in the Federal Register, the Bureau of Land Management [terminated](#) its plans set out under the Obama administration for an environmental impact statement that would have potentially led to the agency withdrawing land in so-called sagebrush focal areas in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

"The BLM has determined that the lands are no longer needed in connection with the proposed withdrawal," the notice says.

The agency is also asking for [comment](#) on changing the nearly 100 land-use plans BLM put in place under an agreement with states in lieu of listing the bird as either endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

BLM said it is re-opening the plans to comply with to a court decision earlier this year that held the agency did not adequately evaluate the designation of sagebrush focal areas in its 2015 greater sage-grouse plan amendment for Nevada.

WHAT'S NEXT: BLM will accept comments on the land use plan changes for 45 days after the notice is published in the Federal Register.

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 Subject: Dow AgroSciences and ADM Collaborate to Bring Enlist E3 Soybeans to U.S. Farmers

Good morning,


I wanted to make you aware of the news that was announced this morning between Dow AgroSciences and ADM. The two companies have worked out an agreement that will allow US farmers to plant Enlist E3 soybeans next year. ADM has designated 4 plants that farmers can deliver their Enlist soybeans to. Those locations include:

- Mankato, Minnesota
- Frankfort, Indiana
- Mexico, Missouri
- Deerfield, Missouri

These beans will be used in North American markets only. This collaboration will give farmers the opportunity to plant Enlist E3 soybeans in this closed-loop system. We're excited that farmers will have access to this new technology as they battle resistant and hard-to-control weeds in their fields.

The full press release is below. If you have any questions or would like further details, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,
 Elisha

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Dow AgroSciences and ADM Collaborate to Bring Enlist E3™ Soybeans to U.S. Farmers

Farmers gain access to vital weed control technology through comprehensive closed-loop system

INDIANAPOLIS and CHICAGO Oct. 11, 2017 U.S. farmers will have access to Enlist E3™ soybeans for 2018 planting through an agreement between Dow AgroSciences and ADM. The companies today announced a collaboration that features a comprehensive closed-loop system designed to provide growers access to Enlist E3 soybeans and deliver the soybeans and their resulting products to customers for use within North America.

"U.S. farmers need access to the newest technologies to boost productivity," says Joe Vertin, Dow AgroSciences Enlist™ global leader. "When advanced solutions are available and fully approved in the United States, they should reach farmers as quickly as possible."

Putting farmers first

"At ADM, everything begins with the farmer," says John McGowan, ADM president, North American Oilseeds. "We are pleased to work with Dow AgroSciences to bring this landmark program to growers in 2018. This is a great example of how farmers, seed companies and agricultural processors can come together and support solutions that benefit the entire industry."

Resistant and hard-to-control weeds are one of the most costly and frustrating obstacles for crop farmers today. The Enlist™ weed control system offers exceptional weed control and helps maximize yield potential.

"This weed control technology is greatly needed in our area," says Pat Duncanson, who grows soybeans in Minnesota. "We need effective options to control weeds that are threatening to cut yield and profit potential in our fields."

Enlist E3™ soybeans are tolerant to applications of 2,4-D choline, glyphosate and glufosinate, giving farmers multiple herbicide modes of action postemergence. This helps farmers not only control their toughest, most economically damaging weeds but also curtail the development of weed resistance, preserving valuable herbicides.

"The American Soybean Association appreciates the tight, closed-loop production and processing system that has been developed," says ASA President Ron Moore, a farmer from Roseville, Illinois. "This will allow a number of farmers to experience the Enlist weed control system and is designed to keep all production out of export channels. We also appreciate Dow AgroSciences' continued efforts to seek import approvals in China and the EU."

Robust protocols key to success

The Dow AgroSciences program requires participating farmers to adhere to a comprehensive, robust set of protocols designed to ensure the soybeans reach specific ADM facilities, which will process them for use in North American markets only. Farmers will deliver their Enlist E3™ soybean crop to 1 of 4 ADM plants designated for this program

- Mankato, Minnesota
- Frankfort, Indiana
- Mexico, Missouri
- Deerfield, Missouri

"We've put a lot of thought into the best way to manage the process," Vertin says. "We're confident in the collaboration with ADM and in providing farmers access to the Enlist system to control their toughest weeds."

Details of the program will be made available through participating seed companies in fall 2017 for the 2018 planting season. For more information and to find out how to participate in this program, visit [Enlist.com](#).

Dow AgroSciences continues to pursue additional import approvals for Enlist E3 soybeans.

About Dow AgroSciences

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Enlist E3[™] soybeans provide tolerance to 2,4-D choline, glyphosate and glufosinate, giving farmers multiple herbicide modes of action postemergence to control tough weeds. Enlist E3 soybeans will be available in 2018 through a collaboration between Dow AgroSciences and ADM.

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Dow AgroSciences will bring Enlist E3[™] soybeans to farmers in 2018. The program includes a robust set of protocols to ensure the soybeans reach designated ADM facilities for processing and use in North American markets only.

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Attached are comments received from the Coalition of Local Governments and the Resource Development Council for Alaska.

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Subject: Background Information for ESA Interagency Meeting (June 19, 2017)
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 5:28:17 PM
Attachments: [ESA Background Briefing 6 19 2017.pptx](#)

Good afternoon,

Please find attached background information (powerpoint slide deck) in preparation for the endangered species interagency meeting scheduled for next Monday, June 19, 2017. The meeting agenda will be sent separately.

Regards,

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Gary Black, GA Ag, will deliver. His comments are excellent.

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Court opinion link at the end. Neonics are the target.

ENDANGERED SPECIES
Court finds EPA broke law in approving 59 pesticides

[Amanda Reilly](#), E&E News reporter
Published: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

U.S. EPA violated the Endangered Species Act when it issued 59 pesticide registrations between 2007 and 2012, a federal court has found.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California agreed with beekeepers, wildlife groups and food safety advocates that EPA unlawfully failed to consult with wildlife agencies on the impacts of the pesticides.

Senior Judge Maxine Chesney, a Clinton appointee, yesterday issued the opinion for the court.

At issue are neonicotinoid-containing pesticides used for agricultural, landscaping and ornamental purposes. Studies have linked neonicotinoids to bee

harm, though EPA earlier this year issued a preliminary risk assessment finding compounds do not pose significant risks to bee colonies ([Greenwire](#), Jan. 13).

The Center for Food Safety, Beyond Pesticides, the Sierra Club and the Center for Environmental Health — which have all raised concerns about the impacts on neonicotinoids on bees — in 2013 joined individual beekeepers in bringing the lawsuit against EPA.

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They challenged EPA's decision to reject an emergency petition to halt registrations of neonicotinoid-containing pesticides, as well as alleged a systematic violation of the Endangered Species Act.

In all, the lawsuit argued that EPA had violated the act in 73 actions to approve products containing the pesticides.

Pesticide manufacturer Bayer CropScience LP intervened in the case on behalf of EPA. The agency and Bayer raised a host of arguments to toss out the claims, including that the plaintiffs lacked legal standing to sue and had challenged certain actions that weren't final agency actions subject to judicial review.

The parties' motions for summary judgment were in front of the court.

In her opinion yesterday, Chesney threw out some of the Endangered Species Act claims but found

that EPA had largely failed to engage in formal consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service over the impacts to endangered and threatened species.

"This is a vital victory," George Kimbrell, Center for Food Safety legal director, said today in a statement. "Science shows these toxic pesticides harm bees, endangered species and the broader environment."

The court, though, ruled in favor of EPA on all of the claims alleging violations of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the federal pesticides law.

Those claims centered on plaintiffs' May 2012 petition asking EPA to immediately suspend the registration of products containing clothianidin, a neonicotinoid compound. EPA denied the request, finding that the petitioners had failed to show how the harms of the pesticide ingredient outweighed the benefits to growers and the agricultural economy.

In her decision yesterday, Chesney agreed with EPA that the groups failed to show that the continued use of the product "would pose an unreasonable hazard to the survival of an endangered or threatened species."

The groups also failed to show how EPA violated the notice provisions in the pesticides law, the court found.

Chesney referred the case to Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley and directed parties to schedule a settlement conference.

[Click here](#) to read the court's opinion.

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Re: the agenda and guidance, I'm attaching the following documents for anyone who doesn't have them on hand:

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bice, Don - OBPA
Cc: Zehren, Chris - OBPA; Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Subject: Meeting on EO Clarification
When: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 9:30 AM-10:30 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 202 B

Flexible on location and feel free to invite others as appropriate.

From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#)
Cc: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [York, Kent - OBPA](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 2:00:41 PM
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Thank you.

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Briefing paper with updated decisions and actions attached.

Rebeckah

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 12:53 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
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Given this direction, OBPA will (b)(5) predecisional/deliberative
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Chris Z.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Yes.

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 12:18 PM
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Subject: FW: (b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED]

Rebeckah,

(b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED]

Thanks,

Chris Z.

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Poe, Michael - OBPA <Michael.Poe@obpa.usda.gov>; York, Kent - OBPA <kent.york@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Hetrick, Julie - OBPA <Julie.Hetrick@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
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thanks

From: Clark, Dawana - AMS
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>

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Andrew -

Per our conversation,

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- thanks!

Dawana

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From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: RE: USDA Pesticide-ESA Testimony
Date: Monday, May 08, 2017 12:50:03 PM
Attachments: [USDA Testimony Kunickis FOR OMB Review 2017-05-04 es.docx](#)

Looping Brock as I'm in meetings much of the afternoon.

I think we can

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC,

Washington, DC

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 12:07 PM

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Subject: RE: USDA Pesticide-ESA Testimony

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Rebeckah

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 11:59 AM

To: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@aphis.usda.gov>

Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>

Subject: Fw: USDA Pesticide-ESA Testimony

Abby,

FWS sent me their comments on testimony - (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

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Sheryl

From: Shultz, Gina <gina_shultz@fws.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 11:46 AM

To: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC; Cathy Tortorici - NOAA Federal; Pease, Anita; Goodis, Michael; Echeverria, Marietta

Cc: Craig Aubrey

Subject: USDA Pesticide-ESA Testimony

Hi All,

We received a very quick turn-around time (less than 30 minutes) for reviewing and commenting on Sheryl's draft testimony. Sorry, but we did not have time to coordinate with you, so I am sharing the FWS comments with you.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns, Gina

Gina Shultz

Deputy Assistant Director, Ecological Services

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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To: [Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)
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so feel free to proceed without me if folks are ready to meet.

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From: Fitter, E. Holly H. EOP/OMB

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Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 6:10 PM

To: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@aphis.usda.gov>

Cc: Winters, Paul A. EOP/OMB <Paul_A_Winters@omb.eop.gov>; Stein, Nora . EOP/OMB <Nora_Stein@omb.eop.gov>; 'EPA' <epalrm@epamail.epa.gov>; 'Kaiser, Sven-Erik' <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; 'COMMERCE' <clrm@doc.gov>; 'INTERIOR' <ocl@ios.doi.gov>; Burnim, John D. EOP/OMB <John_D_Burnim@omb.eop.gov>; Laity, Jim A. EOP/OMB <James_A_Laity@omb.eop.gov>; Jones, Danielle Y. EOP/OMB <Danielle_Y_Jones@omb.eop.gov>

Subject: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)

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Subject: Re: USDA request for policy official contacts regarding PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:53:45 PM
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Please see revised DOI edits attached.

Thanks!

On Tue, May 9, 2017 at 1:33 PM, Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Abbey.L.Fretz@aphis.usda.gov> wrote:

If that works for everyone, we can use USDA's conference line. I understand EPA may join as well.

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Subject: RE: USDA request for policy official contacts regarding PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)

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Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)

Abbey & Jim -- When is a good time for you to chat with Casey? I believe he is available now.

On Tue, May 9, 2017 at 12:05 PM, Fitter, E. Holly H. EOP/OMB
<E.Holly.Fitter@omb.eop.gov> wrote:

The policy official at OMB who reviewed the passback was Jim Herz 395-1237. The DOI official is Casey Hammond in the FWS. I do not yet have his contact info.

OMB/DOI: USDA advises that their Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary, Rebecca Adcock, and Acting General Counsel, Steven Vanden, both appointees, wanted to discuss the comments.

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Abbey.L.Fretz@aphis.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Fitter, E. Holly H. EOP/OMB <E.Holly.Fitter@omb.eop.gov>
Subject: Re: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)

Holly,

Who do our policy folks need to talk to at each of the agencies?

Thanks!

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On May 8, 2017, at 6:11 PM, Fitter, E. Holly H. EOP/OMB
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)
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Subject: Re: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)

I'm free from 11:30-12:30.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 9, 2017, at 8:15 AM, Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Thanks Sheryl.

Rebeckah and Steven I still think (b) (5) Deliberative

Thanks,
 Brock

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 8:12 AM
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Subject: Re: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)




Good Morning,

Attached is the document with responses to comments in the margins. THIS IS FOR YOUR REVIEW ONLY AND PLEASE DO NOT

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I am heading to a meeting with grower groups near Union Station and will return after lunch. (b) (5) Deliberative



We can easily readjust the testimony.

Thanks,
Sheryl

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 9:04:34 PM

To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; Vaden, Stephen - OGC; Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC; Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: Fwd: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)

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FYI Interior just confirmed that deletion of the ESA paragraph was a policy level comment.

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On May 8, 2017, at 7:19 PM, Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
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wrote:

Thanks. We are reviewing.

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[Agri-Pulse-05102017SL.pdf](#)

So first and only press – aiming to keep it that way. 😊

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From: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 11:15 AM
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Subject: Agripulse

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Subject: Submission of Regulatory Reform Report to the Secretary
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:55:43 PM
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[Regulatory Review OSEC OMB Report from UDSA May 25 17.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Heidi and Rachel –

Attached is the first of many reports to Secretary outlining the USDA's plans and actions for implementing regulatory reform consistent with the requirements set forth in recent Executive Orders on *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*, *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*, *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, and *Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America*.

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Kindly,



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Cc: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Subject: For clearance
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Good Afternoon,

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Thanks,
Sheryl

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Cc: [Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC](#); [Peterson, Steve - FSA, Washington, DC](#); [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Monarch Butterfly and ESA Section 7 Conference
Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 2:36:42 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Adding Dudley

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Nov 8, 2017, at 2:26 PM, Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov> wrote:

FYI/

From: Julie Shapiro [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@keystone.org](mailto:(b) (6)@keystone.org)]
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Secretary_Zinke@ios.doi.gov; exsec@ios.doi.gov; scheduling@ios.doi.gov; SM.OSEC.AGSEC.OES
Cc: greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov; Beyerhelm, Chris - FSA, Washington, DC; Johansson, Robert - OCE
Subject: Monarch Butterfly and ESA Section 7 Conference

Dear Secretary Perdue and Secretary Zinke:

You may be aware of Keystone Policy Center's [Monarch Collaborative](#), a joint effort of academia, business, conservation organizations, farm groups and federal agencies convened by Keystone to expand and enhance habitat for a sustainable monarch population. Keystone is sending the attached letter, on behalf of members of the Monarch Collaborative in which they request the Farm Services Agency (FSA) and US Fish and Wildlife Service to utilize section 7 conference authority under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to evaluate conservation actions for the monarch butterfly through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), thereby improving monarch habitat on CRP land while also offering ESA predictability for CRP participants.

With the June 2019 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decision pending on whether the monarch and habitats that sustain it will require federal protection under the Endangered Species Act, the role of private lands programs in supporting farmers conservation measures is a matter of urgent concern. As we know you would agree, farmers are traditional stewards of the land and are uniquely situated to establish and expand monarch habitat on a large scale to help restore monarch populations to their historical levels. ESA predictability (ostensibly provided via the FSA conference report) would provide participants long term clarity that they

are in compliance with the ESA if and when the monarch is listed under the ESA.

We would appreciate any support you would provide in highlighting the importance of this request within your Departments.

I am available to discuss further or answer any questions if it would be helpful.

Best regards,

Julie

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Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: NYT/ProPublica questions for USDA/Adcock (deadline Nov. 13 at noon)
Date: Friday, November 10, 2017 7:42:32 PM

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On Nov 10, 2017, at 7:29 PM, Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC
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On Nov 10, 2017, at 6:57 PM, tAdcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
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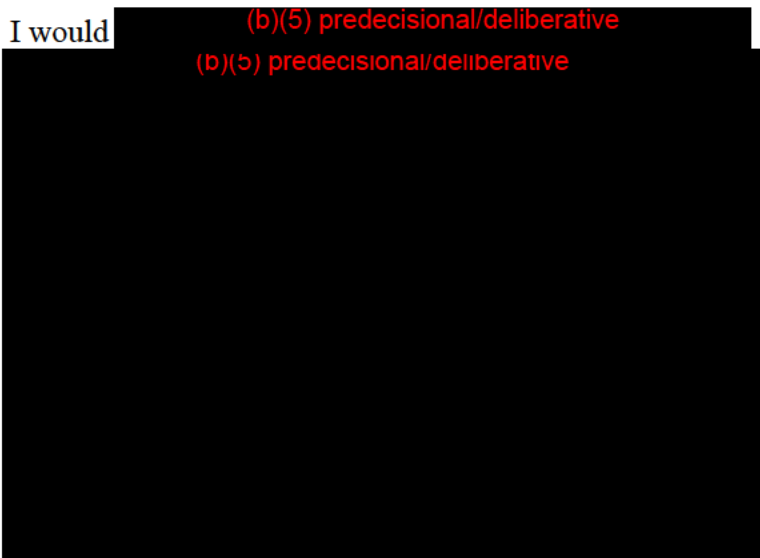
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Date: November 10, 2017 at
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**Subject: Re: NYT/ProPublica
questions for USDA/Adcock
(deadline Nov. 13 at noon)**

Tim, additionally -- if Ms. Adcock has a waiver or some other determination that allowed her to take action forbidden by her ethics agreement, we would ask that you send us via email a copy of that waiver or other determination.

Many thanks,

Danielle

On Fri, Nov 10, 2017 at 3:57 PM, Ivory, Danielle
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wrote:

Hi Tim, we have not heard back from USDA about the interview request, below, sent earlier this week. We are now close to publication on our story and have a number of questions and items to fact-check with you. Our hard deadline is Monday, Nov. 13, at noon eastern.

We are requesting this response on the record. If you feel that something needs to be on background, we are happy to discuss that possibility beforehand.

We are also requesting, again, an on-the-record interview with Ms. Adcock. If she would rather not talk on the phone, we would also welcome a written response from her.

Thanks very much. Our questions and fact-checking items are below.

Yours,

Danielle

Questions:

(1) Rebeckah Adcock met with Kellie Bray of CropLife at USDA on May 3, along with the Southern Crop Protection Association, a CropLife member. This appears to be a violation of her ethics agreement, which states that she would "not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know CropLife America, is a party or represents a party" for a year. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by meeting with Ms. Bray? Please explain why or why not.

(2) Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by meeting with the Southern Crop Protection Association, which is a member of the CropLife trade association? Please explain why or why not.

(3) At that May 3 meeting, the Southern Crop Protection Association was in attendance. Among the topics discussed, according to the trade group, were the tests pesticides have to undergo to prove they're safe, the use of pesticides near water sources and the Endangered Species Act. One participant in the meeting also said pollinators were discussed. According to Ms. Adcock's ethics agreement, she agreed not to participate for two years on any matter on which she lobbied in the past two years. On her list of topics to avoid are the impact of pesticides on water and human health. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by discussing these topics? Please explain why or why not.

(4) Rebeckah Adcock's ethics agreement lists pollinators as a lobbying issue she wasn't involved in over the past two years, but the topic is listed on

her lobbying disclosure from the last quarter of 2016. (Link here: <https://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=DDFB058D-6391-46B9-BFB9-F59EFBD77C61&filingTypeID=78>.) How does USDA explain this discrepancy on Ms. Adcock's ethics form? Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by discussing pollinators? Please explain why or why not.

(5) Also in May, Ms. Adcock met with Elisha Kemp from Dow Agrosiences, a CropLife member. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by meeting with Ms. Kemp? Please explain why or why not.

(6) Before Ms. Adcock became a top lobbyist for CropLife, she served in a similar capacity for the farming industry, as a top lobbyist at the American Farm Bureau Federation. In July, Ms. Adcock met with a delegation from Farm Credit, a lending institution for farmers that is a donor to her old trade group, in "The Cage," the area outside of Secretary Perdue's office. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by meeting with this delegation? Please explain why or why not.

(7) Participants at the Farm Credit meeting discussed clean water rules. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by discussing this issue? Please explain why or why not.

(8) In 2013, Ms. Adcock and Ms. Bray appeared together in CropLife promotional materials, according to a CropLife blog, wearing pro-pesticide t-shirts. Ms. Bray's shirt said, "Ask me why you're not hungry, naked or itchy." Ms. Adcock's said, "Bite ME!" Is there a story behind the t-shirts? Does Ms. Adcock have a copy of the photo that she would be willing to share?

Fact-checking items (Please let us know if and why any of these are inaccurate.)

(1) At a closed-door meeting in September, Rebeckah Adcock meet with Republican and Democratic congressional aides at the O'Neill Building and was asked to reveal the

identities of the other members on her deregulation team at USDA. Ms. Adcock brushed off the request, explaining that making the names public would result in a deluge of lobbyists.

(2) At the meeting on Capitol Hill in September, Ms. Adcock complained to Democratic and Republican House aides about the scrutiny her team was under, citing in particular the flurry of Freedom of Information Act requests demanding her and her teammates' emails and calendars.

(3) Ms. Adcock left CropLife in April, but has maintained contact with the organization and some of its member organizations.

(4) Ms. Adcock met with Kellie Bray of CropLife in May. Ms. Adcock and Ms. Bray lobbied together for CropLife for six years (from 2010 to 2017). Ms. Bray was listed on every single lobbying disclosure that had Ms. Adcock's name on it from the time that she joined CropLife to the disclosure filed in April, right before she joined the USDA.

(5) Disclosure records show that Ms. Adcock and Ms. Bray advocated for CropLife's agenda at multiple agencies including the U.S.D.A. and the Environmental Protection Agency, and in the halls of Congress. They pushed CropLife's interests on bills and regulations relating to the impact of pesticides on water and human health, changes in the way chemical safety standards are assessed and rules intended to protect endangered species from extinction. (Note: The most recent mention of ESA in a lobbying disclosure was just over two years ago.)

(6) Ms. Adcock's ethics waiver is dated April 26.

(7) Before Ms. Adcock became a top lobbyist for CropLife, she served in a similar capacity for the farming industry, as a top lobbyist at the American Farm Bureau Federation. In July, Ms. Adcock met with a delegation from Farm Credit, a lending institution for farmers that is a donor to her old trade group. Ms. Adcock reminded the group of her prior ties to the Farm Bureau, and asked them for

recommendations on regulatory changes.

(8) At the Farm Credit meeting, participants discussed getting cottonseed reclassified as an oil seed crop, so cotton producers could be eligible once again for government subsidies if revenue drops. They also discussed clean water rules and the agency's incentives program to promote conservation.

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On Wed, Nov 8, 2017 at 10:23 AM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hello, I'm a reporter with The New York Times. We're working with ProPublica on a story that looks at how businesses are interacting with USDA's regulatory reform task force. We would like to request an on-the-record interview with Rebeckah Adcock, the chair of USDA's regulatory reform task force. Would she be available to talk this week?

I've cced my colleague Robert Faturechi at ProPublica on this email.

Many thanks,

Danielle

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Subject: (b) (5) Deliberative - Due 9AM Monday May 8th
Date: Friday, May 05, 2017 2:06:59 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

Good afternoon,

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Thank you.

Thanks,

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Subject: US EPA chief defends chlorpyrifos U-turn
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:14:31 PM

US EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt last week defended his controversial decision to abandon a plan to revoke food tolerances for the organophosphate insecticide, chlorpyrifos, telling lawmakers that **criticism from the USDA about the proposal helped convince the Trump administration to change course.**

Mr Pruitt issued the decision in March to reverse the proposed tolerance revocation not long after his confirmation as EPA Administrator. The order denied a petition brought by environmentalists keen to see a ban imposed on chlorpyrifos ³/₄ a move the EPA appeared ready to make.

After more than eight years of legal wrangling, the Agency in **November 2016** said that scientific evidence supported revoking food tolerances for the insecticide. The EPA had concluded that aggregate exposures from food and drinking water could not meet the required safety standard under federal law.

But the Agency faced strong pressure from grower groups and other stakeholders to reverse course on the tolerance revocation plan, which would effectively ban agricultural uses of chlorpyrifos. US farmers annually use an estimated 5-6 million lbs of the insecticide on some 50 crops, including almonds, apples, citrus fruit, maize and strawberries.

Mr Pruitt appeared to heed their concerns in his **March order** formally denying the petition and touting a return to "sound science."

But the move has done little to quell controversy surrounding the EPA's review of chlorpyrifos. Seven states have filed an **administrative appeal** of the decision with the EPA. Environmentalists have also filed complaints with the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit seeking to get the tolerance revocation plan finalised.

Representative Betty McCollum pressed Mr Pruitt on the decision during a June 15th budget hearing before the House Appropriations sub-committee on interior, environment and related agencies. "This pesticide damages children's brains yet the evidence was disregarded, evidence from doctors and scientists," said Ms McCollum, a Minnesota Democrat. "I'm curious to know ... you were there a month and then this was reviewed. How did you come to find yourself disavowing, going backwards?"

Mr Pruitt responded that **comments by the USDA stood in contrast to the EPA's assessment. The USDA outlined its concerns to the EPA in February,**

echoing industry worry that the Agency's scientific review was suspect and overestimated both exposures and risks from chlorpyrifos. "On chlorpyrifos, the USDA had a completely different perspective and had in fact made EPA aware of that as the process was ongoing," Mr Pruitt told Ms McCollum. "We based that decision like we base every decision ... on meaningful data, meaningful science."

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Subject: Re: Announces dicamba decision. Fwd: PHOTOS: Administrator Pruitt Visits Mississippi | U.S. EPA News Releases | US EPA
Date: Friday, October 13, 2017 8:14:46 AM

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Subject: Announces dicamba decision. Fwd: PHOTOS: Administrator Pruitt Visits Mississippi | U.S. EPA News Releases | US EPA

This is great news and announced in a timely manner that benefits growers. Certainly a new day at EPA!

Sheryl

Jackson, Miss. – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt met with Governor Phil Bryant, farmers and other state leaders to discuss ways to strengthen partnerships with EPA. During the visit, Administrator Pruitt announced that EPA is working on an agreement with the manufacturers of the pesticide dicamba to minimize the potential for drift to damage neighboring crops from the use of the pesticide – an agreement that will allow cotton and soybean farmers to make informed choices for seed purchases for the 2018 growing season.

“Our job at EPA is not to look at folks in Mississippi as adversaries, but as partners,” **said Administrator Pruitt**. “It is of the utmost importance to continue to collaborate with state and local leaders to provide American farmers and ranchers the regulatory certainty they deserve.”

“Mississippi farmers are the original conservationists,” **said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant**. “I am grateful for Administrator Pruitt’s commitment to working with us to develop strategies that will strengthen agriculture in Mississippi while protecting our environment.”

Administrator Pruitt began his trip with a stop at the State Capitol where he met with Governor Bryant and other state leaders. Following their meeting, Administrator Pruitt and Governor Bryant hosted a roundtable along with Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation President Mike McCormick, and other stakeholders to discuss EPA’s recent proposal to rescind the 2015 “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS) rule to help ensure regulatory certainty and prioritize keeping America’s water clean.

After the roundtable, Administrator Pruitt and Governor Bryant departed for Gaddis Farms in Bolton where the Administrator announced EPA’s regulatory action on dicamba and took questions from farmers.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/photos-administrator-pruitt-visits-mississippi>

Sent from my iPad Pro

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Subject: Fall 2017 USDA Regulatory Agenda Data Call
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 9:34:50 AM
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Rebeckah,

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Subject: Fall 2017 USDA Regulatory Agenda Data Call

To: Agency Regulatory Officers/Contacts

This is the official data call for your agency's Fall 2017 Regulatory Agenda updates.

Agencies have until Wednesday, **September 6, 2017**, to update the Regulatory Information Service Center (RISC) and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) Combined Information System (ROCIS), and deliver both hard-copy (Office of Budget and Program Analysis (OBPA), Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Staff room 140-E of the Whitten Building) and email (michael.poe@obpa.usda.gov) submission package. **This deadline is FIRM.** After this date agencies will be locked out of the regulatory side of ROCIS and unable to make changes.

Attached to this email message are the following documents. Please review them carefully:

1. OIRA's data call for the Fall 2017 Regulatory Plan and Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions;
2. OIRA's Executive Order (EO) 13771 Worksheet;
3. USDA's Current Inactive List;
4. USDA Current list of 'Futurized' RINs;
5. OIRA's April 5, 2017 Guidance Implementing Executive Order 13771(M-17-21); and
6. Clearance form for Administrator and Under Secretary concurrence.

Agencies must include the following items in their **September 6, 2017**, hard-copy and email submission to OBPA:

1. ROCIS Expanded Agenda Review Report;
2. Completed EO 13771 Worksheet;
3. Revised USDA Inactive List (see below for more information);
4. Revised USDA ‘Futurized’ List (see below for more information); and
5. Signed clearance form with both Administrator and Under Secretary concurrence.

Guidance for assembling your agency’s Fall 2017 Regulatory Agenda submission

EO 12866 Designation

- Only regulations with a designated workplan are eligible for inclusion in the agenda. If your agency has a regulatory action that has not been designated by OIRA, but which your agency plans to include in the Fall 2017 agenda, you must submit the workplan to OBPA no later than noon, Friday, September 15, 2017. Agencies are reminded that RINs are to be created only AFTER OIRA has designated the workplan.
- Regulations designated economically significant or significant, but which are NOT considered transfer regulations, must be included on the EO 13771 Worksheet. See OIRA’s data call for guidance on completing the EO 13771 Worksheet.

EO 13771 Designation

- New for the Fall 2017 agenda is the addition of an EO 13771 designation field in ROCIS (see Attachment 3 on page 19 of OIRA’s data call for more information). The EO 13771 designation is distinguished from OIRA’s designation of significance under EO 12866. Rather than the designation criteria in EO 12866 Section 3(f), agencies are to rely on the information in OIRA’s Guidance Implementing Executive Order 13771 (see attached M-17-21) to ‘designate’ each entry in the Fall 2017 agenda as one of the following: (1) Deregulatory, (2) Regulatory, (3) Exempt, (4) Waived, and (5) Other.
- Regulatory designations under the EO 13771 are limited to actions that OIRA has designated significant or economically significant under EO 12866 Section 3(f). These actions trigger the requirements of EO 13771 and should appear on the EO 13771 Worksheet. Actions designated not significant by OIRA under EO 12866 may receive either an EO 13771 designation of ‘deregulatory’ or ‘exempt’.
- An EO 13771 deregulatory action is an action that has total costs of less than zero, and may provide: (1) one of the actions used to satisfy the provision to repeal or revise at least two existing regulations for each regulation issued, and (2) a cost savings for purposes of the total incremental cost allowance. EO 13771 deregulatory actions are not limited to those defined as significant under EO 12866. EO 13771 deregulatory actions should appear on the EO 13771 Worksheet. See page 4 of M-17-21 for more information about EO 13771 deregulatory actions.

Inactive and ‘Futurized’ Actions

- Attached is the current list of ‘inactive’ RINs for USDA. Agencies must review this list and indicate the status of each item on it as either “active” (i.e. included in the Fall 2017 agenda), “inactive” or recommend for removal from ROCIS. Recommendations

for removal must be accompanied by a brief explanation and any publication history. The annotated list must be returned to OBPA with the Fall 2017 agenda submission. Agencies can indicate status with pen-and-ink updates and then scan/print for submission.

- Attached is the current list of ‘futurized’ RINs for USDA. Agencies must review this list and indicate the status of each item on it as either “active” (i.e. included in the Fall 2017 agenda), “inactive” or recommended for removal from ROCIS. Recommendations for removal must be accompanied by a brief explanation and any publication history. The annotated list must be returned to OBPA with the Fall 2017 agenda submission. Agencies are hereby directed to cease creating ‘futurized’ RINs in ROCIS.

Regulatory Plan

- Agencies are not required to submit this information as regulatory priorities for inclusion in USDA’s regulatory plan will be determined by the Secretary’s office. For ROCIS completion, please check Regulatory Plan ‘No’ for your entries. Please also note that once regulatory priorities are determined, agencies should be prepared to provide the following information if requested: Statement of Need; Summary of the Legal Basis; Alternatives; Anticipated Costs and Benefits; Risks.

General Guidance

- All data fields for RINs must be completed/filled-in (no empty data fields).
- Review the abstract (narrative description) for each RIN when completing and assembling your agency’s agenda. The abstract text should match the next action being considered and be simple, clear, and informative to readers (the public). Dated or poorly written abstract text will be returned for rewrite.
- Timetable data is important. Please take every step to ensure the accuracy of timetable information.
- For economically significant and significant regulations, agencies must consider OMB’s 90 day review period for regulations when estimating publication dates.
- The base date or earliest date that can be entered into ROCIS for an estimated publication date is 11/00/2017.

Please call me at 720-3257 or email me [if you](#) have any questions. I’m also available in my office in room 140-E if you’d like to stop by to discuss the fall regulatory agenda.

As always, thanks.

Mike

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Subject: RE: FINAL PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 11:36:28 AM
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See attached.

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Thanks,

Sheryl

From: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:23:31 AM
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Subject: FW: FINAL PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)

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Here is the PASSBACK that includes: (1) the EPA and DOJ edits **that USDA said that it has agreed to; and (2) the revised ESA paragraph**, which has been edited by OMB to try to address everyone's equities.

USDA: Once you have confirmed that you are accepting all edits – by providing a final clean copy -- I will clear.

Agencies:

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Everyone: Unless you advise by 11:30 AM this morning, I will assume that there are no outstanding issues.

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Domesle, Alexander - ARS](#); [Abbott, Linda - OCE](#)
Subject: Oral testimony
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:29:26 PM
Attachments: [USDA Testimony Kunickis ORAL 2017-05-11.docx](#)
[ATT00001.txt](#)

Good Evening,

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See you in the morning!

Sheryl

From: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Agripulse
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 11:14:47 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Agri-Pulse-05102017SL.pdf](#)

FYI.



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From: WHITESEL, AARON J.
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: DuPont - Perdue Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:02:47 PM
Attachments: [Briefing Sheet Perdue.docx](#)

Rebeckah,

I am sharing with you our current briefing document for the Jim Collins – Secretary Perdue meeting. Please do not forward or share otherwise but hopeful that is helpful in your prep work.

Main purpose of meeting is to start establishing a relationship with your boss. Issues that will likely come up – our merger, biotech in China (we are not happy with current state), biofuels, Dicamba.

Let me know how best to help you.

Aaron

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Bcc: [Bice, Don - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Smith, Connie - OSEC](#); [Murray, Mariel J - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Round 1 Reg Reform Proposed Actions
Date: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:54:32 PM
Attachments: [NRE - FS RRTF Data Call Revised 7-19-2017.xlsx](#)

Please find attached the documents that will be reviewed during the meeting.

The meeting will be held in room 221-A.

Chris Z.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 4:40 PM
To: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC; Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC; Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC; Vaden, Stephen - OGC
Subject: Round 1 Reg Reform Proposed Actions
When: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:30 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 202-B

In an effort to be the most productive in this meeting, please limit the number of people who will attend.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Need to fill in these blank even if imperfect estimates
Date: Friday, September 08, 2017 3:46:20 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Awesome thank you!

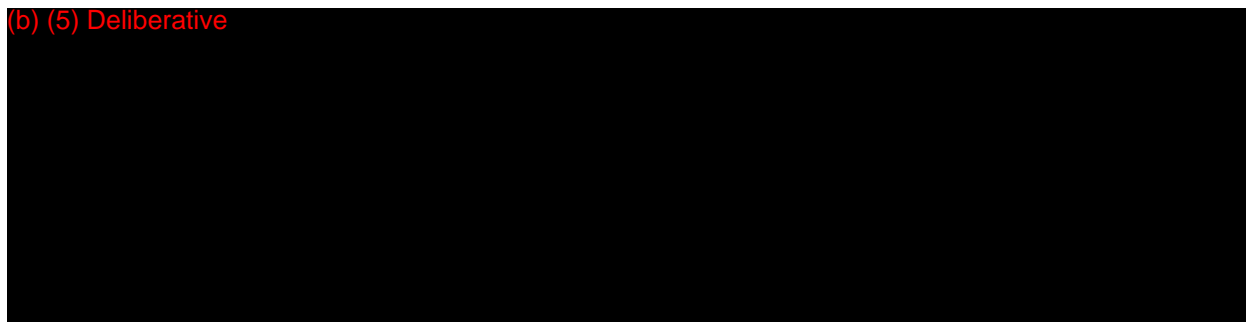
He's has it on the way now!

Reb

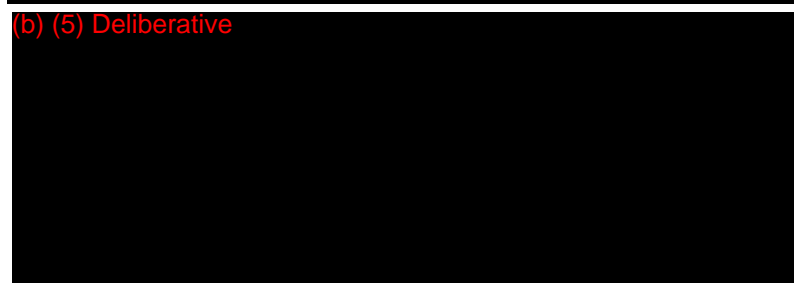
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Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 2:59 PM
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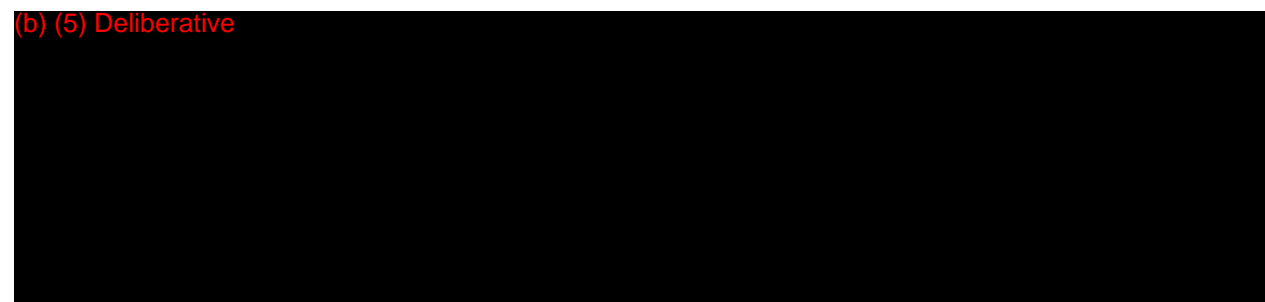
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Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 1:29 PM

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Subject: Need to fill in these blank even if imperfect estimates

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From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:25:48 AM
Attachments: [Draft PLAN on Regulatory Review inside USDA \(004\).docx](#)

Good morning,

Attached is a draft plan for implementing the executive orders related to regulatory reform.

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My belief is that we can

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I'm here and ready to make changes in advance of the 3 o'clock briefing.

Thanks

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:55 PM
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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

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is that workable?

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Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:25 PM
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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Hi Tim,

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Thanks,
andrew

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:42 PM

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Cc: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>

Subject: Regulatory Reform Task Force

OBPA—

FYI, Tim Page is now helping me out on reg reform here in OSEC, so feel free to work with either or both of us as appropriate to keep things moving quickly and steadily on the effort. Tim is cc'd here.

Reb

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:22 PM

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Subject: RE: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Thanks – I'm revising the list.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:21 PM

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Subject: FW: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force

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From: Cullo, Diane - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:10 AM

To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Rebeckah:

My recommendations for participants on the Task Force are:

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Thank you.

Diane

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Trollinger, Shelia - OSEC](#)
Subject: FW: Materials for Reg Reform Briefing
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:53:52 PM
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:59 PM
To: Campbell - OSEC Washington DC Shuford (Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov) <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>; Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC (Rachel.Pick@osec.usda.gov) <Rachel.Pick@osec.usda.gov>
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Rachel & Campbell –

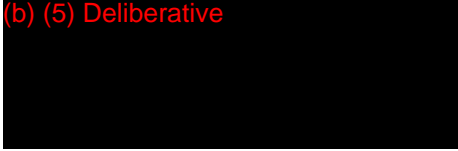
The materials for 3/3:30 briefing attached – memo brief on top with longer report as attachment.



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From: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Confidential-- Departure
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:55:41 PM
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Rebeckah,

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Again, I want to say thank you for everything you have done for me. It has been a honor and pleasure working with you! I have learned a lot and will be staying in touch!!

Sincerely,

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS
To: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: Follow up to Incident report on damage to Pennsylvania grape vineyards associated with use of 2,4-D
Date: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 10:46:12 AM

Good Morning!

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[Redacted] I suggest the following:

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Please let me know if you would like to have a policy discussion.

Thanks,
Sheryl

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From: Steeger, Thomas <Steeger.Thomas@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 7:52 AM
To: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Cc: Epstein, David
Subject: FW: Incident report on damage to Pennsylvania grape vineyards associated with use of 2,4-D (contains PII highlighted in yellow)

Sheryl,

..... My recommendation will be for her to direct any additional questions she may have to the PA Department of Agriculture. It is possible that grape growers in Erie County made use of the act to limit the extent to which phenoxy herbicides such as 2,4-D could be applied and X may be able to contact them directly to learn more.

To the extent that NRCS field staff can be made aware of this act and the possible enhanced sensitivity of grapes to 2,4-D, may reduce the likelihood of similar incidents in areas surrounding CRP lands.

Thank you again,

Tom

From: Steeger, Thomas
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 7:36 AM
To: Miller, Robert <Miller.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Incident report on damage to Pennsylvania grape vineyards associated with use of 2,4-D (contains PII highlighted in yellow) (REMOVED BY S. KUNICKIS)

On Monday, July 24, 2017, EFED received an incident report from a vineyard owner x in Snyder County, Pennsylvania. According to caller, he maintains roughly 65 acres of grape vineyards broken into separate parcels. One parcel consisting of 12 – 15 acres is adjacent to 40 – 50 acres of land in the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The herbicide 2,4-D was applied to the CRP land using ground equipment in mid-April to control thistle. The treated field is separated from the orchard by roughly a 100-ft fence row. According to the caller, NRCS recommends the use of 2,4-D to control thistle; when the local NRCS office was contacted regarding the use of 2,4-D in close proximity to grape vineyards, NRCS personnel responded that they had no knowledge of there being a problem, *i.e.*, they were not aware of grape vines being more sensitive to 2,4-D. The caller noted that 2,4-D use is prohibited in Erie County, PA,

due to the presence of grape vineyards.

At roughly the same time as the incident associated with the application of 2,4-D to CRP lands, a second incident occurred where a grape vineyard adjacent to a corn field was treated with a combination of glyphosate and 2,4-D ester. Damage to the grape vines was greatest immediately adjacent to the treated corn rows and decreased with distance from the treated field. Affected vines have started to recover; however, as a result of the damage, the vines were not properly pollinated and failed to set fruit.

While the incident was not reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the County Extension agent did investigate and according to the caller concluded that the damage to the grape vines was consistent with exposure to 2,4-D.

Additional information (below) on the effects of 2,4-D on vineyards was provided by X, winegrower in X, Pennsylvania.

Captions for the attached photos:

- P1010627, provided by x): Normal inflorescence for grape clusters on June 8, 2017, first 5 leaves removed by hand for fruit set experiment for PSU research
- July 9 no fruit set: necrotic cluster resulting in not fruit set due to herbicide damage from 2,4-D taken July 9, 2017
- IMG 0216: Picture of full vine, stunted shoot elongation and lateral growth stimulated due to 2,4-D damage. Extreme poor fruit set due to 2,4-D drift.

From: Sarah Troxell [mailto:(b) (6)@galenglen.com]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:07 AM
To: 'dcalvin@psu.edu'; 'rredding@pa.gov'; 'cverdier@pasen.gov'
Cc: Michela Centinari; 'D'Angelo, Jennifer'; (b) (6)@mazzawines.com
Subject: Herbicide Drift

Dear Senator Argall, Secretary Redding, and Dr. Calvin,

We are writing to ask for help to reduce herbicide drift damage to grape growers in Pennsylvania.

Galen Glen Winery is located on a seven generation Schuylkill County farm with a 20 acre commercial vineyard started in 1995. In the past seven weeks, we have incurred losses due to phenoxy herbicide drift events. Ed Hellman from Texas A&M extension created the attached document that details: definition of phenoxy herbicides, grapevine sensitivity, how damage occurs, physical symptoms in grapes, and risk reduction. Our current loss is \$250,000 calculated at the value of wine, and more losses are expected. The additional amount is dependent on the extent of carryover effects on fertility into 2018 and the number of grapevines that die due to compromised winter hardiness. This is an urgent issue for at least two additional grape growers located in Berks and Snyder County, and the sustainability of all of our businesses beyond 2017 is at stake.

Challenges experienced with respect to phenoxy herbicides include:

- Current PA pesticide training does not adequately communicate conditions for drift, sensitivity of grapes, and litigation risk.
- Applicators are unwilling to purchase safer, more costly alternatives.
- Modern no-till farming and herbicide resistant weed populations increase use of 2,4-D.

Predicting conditions and distance that phenoxy herbicides can drift is an inexact science. Herbicide producers and extension personnel agree adverse weather conditions can facilitate drift up to at least one mile and in some instances greater distances. Phenoxy herbicides are available to farmers, landscaping companies, power companies and homeowners. There are at least twelve farmers and 50 homeowners in a one mile radius of Galen Glen Winery. Three agriculture applicators closer than one mile to Galen Glen Winery applied 2,4-D products after bud break, and two were during the most sensitive time period for grapes prior to bloom. Personal investigation indicates that two of the agriculture applications were not applied in accordance with the label. Litigation is not always a feasible solution. Complicating factors in civil suits include difficulty assigning blame when more than one applicator is involved, and settlements are affected by insurance and assets of guilty parties. Herbicide drift is a very emotional issue that has resulted in violence in other states.

Galen Glen is confident that our damages are due to 2,4-D drift. Our vineyard manager was a certified crop advisor for grapes including the plant growth regulators category which encompasses 2,4-D. She has dealt with herbicide drift during her tenure at Gallo Vineyards in California and holds a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science from Cornell University. In addition to our findings, our damage was documented by PSU field crop extension and PDA. Results of leaf samples taken by Galen Glen Winery are pending from a California laboratory for 2,4-D residue. The results are likely to determine the grapes are illegal for use due to the off-label application of 2,4-D from drift.

Further insights to our farm may be obtained from Dr. Michela Centinari at Penn State University. We have been conducting a mechanical leaf removal trial with Dr. Centinari and Bryan Hed for three years. This year the trial was completely compromised by drift after considerable time and effort was spent setting up the research plots. Prior to this year's drift events, there would have been enough data to publish at the end of the season. Now, it appears as though the experiment will need to be repeated next year, assuming the vines recover and funding is available. To show the extent of the damage in this Riesling vineyard, photos attached from June 8, 2017 (P1010627, provided by Bryan Hed) may be compared to current vine status on July 9, 2018 (July 9 no fruit set and IMG 0216, provided by Galen Glen Winery).

Herbicide drift is a challenge in the USA and globally as referenced by litigation and settlement in Australia <https://www.thedrinksbusiness.com/2017/07/grapegrower-awarded-7m-in-damages-over-spraying/>. The damage to grapes is likely more widespread in Pennsylvania than documented or known based on recent experience. As the Australian article notes, the damage is often confused with other factors that affect fruit set. For the Pennsylvania grape and wine industry to prosper, protection from herbicide drift is required. The application of phenoxy herbicides is banned in many established grape growing regions.

With the legislative changes in 2016, one million dollars of funding annually has been added to the grape and wine industry for marketing and research. The funding should lead to an increased demand for Pennsylvania grapes assuming it has the intended effect of growing the size of the industry. If Pennsylvania grapes are not available, out of state grapes will be purchased to fill the void. To illustrate the impact of wine and grapes to Pennsylvania the following are examples from x . Our gross sales economic impact is the equivalent of approximately 2500 acres of corn (assuming

100 bushels/acre at \$4 per bushel). An annual x for the state in addition to the positive impact on local businesses and tourism. Four full time and seventeen part time employees work in our business.

Cooperation with a group with resources beyond x Winery is necessary for a sustainable outcome:

- Cornell, Purdue, Ohio State, Iowa State, and Texas A&M have extension documentation available for training on herbicide drift damage to grapes.
- DriftWatch was initiated to identify the location of sensitive plants but has only received widespread adoption in the Midwest.
- 2,4-D has been banned for over 20 years in Erie County.
- 2,4-D has been banned in Finger Lake grape growing counties since the 1960s.
- The Long Island wine region has an agreement that 2,4-D is not applied once the grape growing season has started. Extension issues warnings and last day of application.

A starting point for sustainability in Pennsylvania include:

- A two mile exclusion zone around grapes or county exclusions for the application of 2,4-D and dicamba (another phenoxy herbicide) during the period of sensitivity
- Restrictions for purchase and application of phenoxy herbicides to licensed, trained operators (e.g. restricted use pesticide labeling)
- Extensive training of applicators regarding drift potential and litigation risks
- A fund allocated by the wine marketing board to assist grape producers in promoting awareness and mitigating drift losses
- A minimum of one million dollars of drift coverage insurance for applicators

Every day for 22 years, we have strived to grow fruit that can be recognized alongside the best in the world. Our latest wine review is from the prestigious German-based wine magazine, Falstaff. With a score of 94 points, our estate grown 2015 Fossil Vineyard Riesling was the only American wine selected for review (attached in German, published July 7, 2017 and English translation of review). It is a testament to the winegrowing potential of Pennsylvania. Our Fossil Vineyard, which is the hillside site where those grapes are grown, might produce half a crop but nothing of that caliber in 2017.

Because herbicide drift has become the single largest threat to our sustainability, Galen Glen is willing to serve on the wine marketing board or any ad-hoc committee to develop and implement a solution for the 2018 growing season.

We look forward to your comments and thoughts to protect and grow the Pennsylvania grape and wine industry.

Sincerely,

xxxx

From: Dunlop, George - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Interdepartmental Coordination Powerpoint
Date: Friday, May 05, 2017 6:26:05 PM
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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Schroeder, Jill](#)
Subject: Heads up (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 1:25:39 PM

Good Afternoon,

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Thanks,
Sheryl

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From: Bojes, Gary - RD, Washington, DC
To: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Gilson, Joseph - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Hudson, Bethany - OSEC, Washington DC](#)
Cc: [Braga, Katherine - OSEC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Bojes, Gary - RD, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Here is the complete list of Recommendations in 4 Files
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:41:33 PM
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Good afternoon all,

Here is the latest list of Recommendations for circulation in four Tables.

Rebeckah after our call Tuesday approved distribution of all tables to all members of the team.

We are looking forward to the Fast Track proposals due COB September 8.

Thanks

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From: Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Blake Rollins

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: USE this version RE: DELIBERATIVE - (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 11:27:23 AM

Bare with us. We are almost done.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
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Have to have done by noon.

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 8:18 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 8:10 PM

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Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

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Chris and Andrew –

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From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) on behalf of [Bridgforth, Turner - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: Mississippi Farm Bureau & Mississippi Department of Ag & Commerce

Can you please sit in on this one for me while I'm in WV?

Reb

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Bridgforth, Turner - OSEC, Washington, DC
 Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:42 PM
 To: Bridgforth, Turner - OSEC, Washington, DC; Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC
 Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
 Subject: Mississippi Farm Bureau & Mississippi Department of Ag & Commerce
 When: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 2:30 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
 Where: 108A

Principals:

- Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary
- Blake Rollins, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
- Turner Bridgforth, Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

Participants:

- Justin Ferguson, MFBB National Affairs Coordinator
- Andy Whittington, MFBB Environmental Affairs Coordinator
- John Campbell, MDAC Deputy Commissioner
- Michael Ledlow, MDAC Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry
- Chris McDonald, MDAC Director of Environmental Affairs

Issues:

- Cotton Ginning Cost Share Program
- Labor Issues
- Ag Disaster Declaration
- Dicamba
- General Pesticide Issues

From: Jones, Diem-Linh - OBPA, Washington, DC
To: (b) (6); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: FY 2018 Continuing Resolution
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 4:02:11 PM
Attachments: [2018 House Floor.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon,

Earlier today, the House passed a budget package that includes all their FY 2018 appropriations bills. Several amendments pertinent to USDA were adopted during floor debate. The Administration had issued a Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) supporting the package. Please see attached for a copy of the SAP as well as a summary of the floor amendments and funding tables.

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The next deadline for appropriators is December 8, when the continuing resolution expires.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks,
Diem-Linh
202-720-6112

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: LIST OF FSIS ABBREVIATIONS COMMONLY USED
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 7:53:35 AM
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Campbell –

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– I will send along again as updated.

I will bring hard copy for his desk, but please send him an electronic version, too.



Rebeckah Freeman Adcock

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Hazlett, Anne - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: ACTION: EO 13783 - Due COB Friday, 7/14
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 11:42:46 AM
Attachments: [Regulatory Review OSEC OMB Report from UDSA may 24 17.docx](#)

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I am at your service and ready to learn and help.

Reb

From: Hazlett, Anne - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 11:01 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: ACTION: EO 13783 - Due COB Friday, 7/14

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Can we meet on Tuesday— (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
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Thanks!

Anne

From: Bojes, Gary - RD, Washington, DC
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Hazlett, Anne - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anne.Hazlett@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: ACTION: EO 13783 - Due COB Friday, 7/14

Good morning Anne,

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Thanks

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To: Hazlett, Anne - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anne.Hazlett@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Bojes, Gary - RD, Washington, DC <GARY.BOJES@WDC.USDA.GOV>
Subject: FW: ACTION: EO 13783 - Due COB Friday, 7/14

Good afternoon Anne,

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From: Larson, Joel - OCE

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 3:59 PM

To: West, Cynthia D -FS <cdwest@fs.fed.us>; Bojes, Gary - RD, Washington, DC <Gary.Bojes@wdc.usda.gov>; Williams, Scott - RD, Washington, DC <Scott.Williams@wdc.usda.gov>; Crooks, Anthony - RD, Washington, DC <Anthony.Crooks@wdc.usda.gov>; Welch-White, Venus - RD - Washington, DC <Venus.WelchWhite@wdc.usda.gov>; Lawson, Dan - NRCS, Washington, DC <Dan.Lawson@wdc.usda.gov>; Eve, Marlen - ARS <Marlen.Eve@ARS.USDA.GOV>; Tupas, Luis - NIFA <ltupas@nifa.usda.gov>; Cavallaro, Nancy - NIFA <NCAVALLARO@nifa.usda.gov>; Johnson, Randi - NIFA <randijohnson@nifa.usda.gov>; Miniati, Chelcy - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chelcy.Miniati@osec.usda.gov>; Dennis, Wendell - FAS <Wendell.Dennis@fas.usda.gov>; Nelsen, Ashley - FAS <Ashley.Nelsen@fas.usda.gov>; Gaugush, Samuel F - FS <sfgaugush@fs.fed.us>; Manis, Mark - FAS <Mark.Manis@fas.usda.gov>; Brusberg, Mark - OCE <MBrusberg@oce.usda.gov>; Martin, Caitrin - FAS <Caitrin.Martin@fas.usda.gov>
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Subject: ACTION: EO 13783 - Due COB Friday, 7/14

All:

Thank you to those who were able to join the conversation today and those who provided feedback on the table and template.

To keep this work moving forward, we are asking for (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
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Thank you all for your help, and, as always, let us know if you have any questions.

Joel

From: Larson, Joel - OCE

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:46 PM

To: West, Cynthia D -FS; FosterWest, Erin - OSEC, Washington, DC; Bojes, Gary - RD, Washington, DC (Gary.Bojes@wdc.usda.gov); Williams, Scott - RD, Washington, DC; 'Crooks, Anthony'; Welch-White, Venus - RD - Washington, DC; Lawson, Dan - NRCS, Washington, DC; Eve, Marlen - ARS; 'Tupas, Luis'; 'Cavallaro, Nancy'; Johnson, Randi -NIFA; Miniati, Chelcy - OSEC, Washington, DC; 'Dennis, Wendell'; Nelsen, Ashley - FAS; Gaugush, Samuel F - FS; 'Manis, Mark'

Cc: Hernandez, Cecilia - OBPA; Nelson, Christopher - OBPA; Zehren, Chris - OBPA; Perry, Andrew - OBPA; Murray, Mariel J - OBPA; Paz, Veronica - OBPA; Ziegler, Lee - OBPA; Hohenstein, William - OCE

Subject: RESPONSE REQUESTED: EO 13783

All:

Thank you for the conversation last Friday afternoon and your patience for getting notes back to the group. Although we are still early in the process for responding to Section 3 of EO 13783, we appreciate your thoughts on how to best move forward. (b) (5) Deliberative

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Proposed Process

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The EO requests that USDA review actions that are “related to or arising from” the documents that are rescinded by it. (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative

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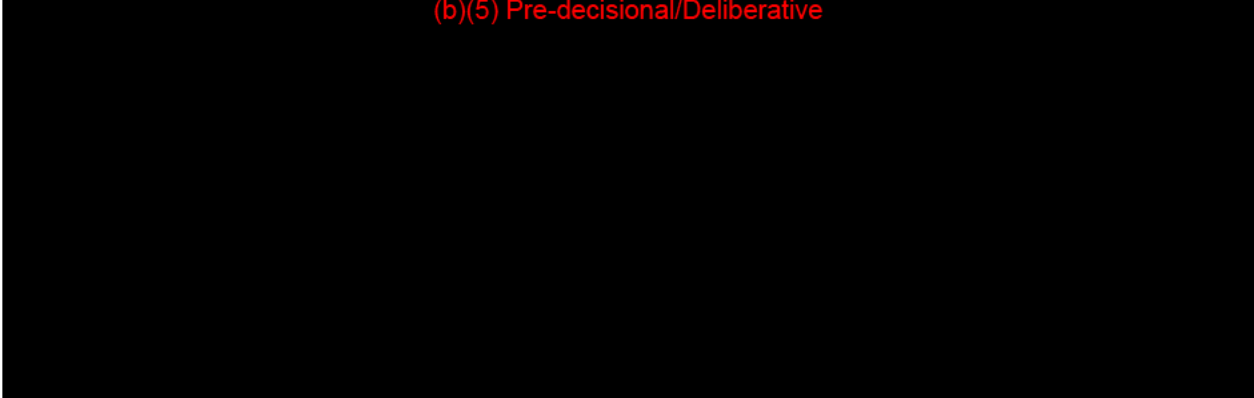
As the review continues, we will

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Please provide comments on the draft spreadsheet and template to Bill Hohenstein (whohenst@oce.usda.gov) and Joel Larson (jl Larson@oce.usda.gov) by COB Thursday July 6. (At this time, we do not need completed templates for the actions included in the table.) We will schedule another check-in call on Friday, July 7, so please keep an eye out for that invitation.

In the meantime, please call or email if you have questions.

Best,
Joel

Joel Larson

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From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Dicamba
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 6:00:32 PM

Hi Reb and Brian,

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We will learn more over the next few weeks as the situation unfolds.

Robert Johansson

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Subject: USDA Comments on the Pyrethroids... Ecological Risk Assessments
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:24:54 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

Good Afternoon,

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This is due tomorrow, so as soon as you can let me know if approved, it is appreciated.

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Cheers,

Sheryl

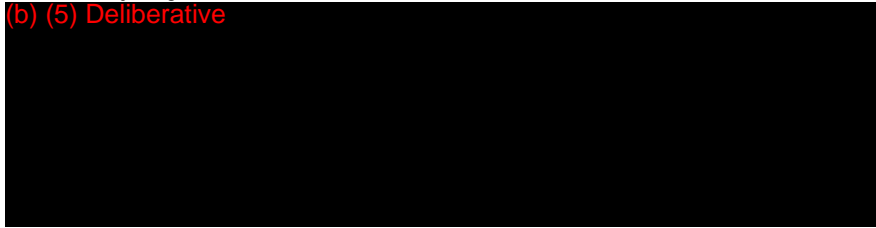
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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
To: [Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Staiert, Jim - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Reg Reform Task Force -- Legislative
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 5:23:00 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative




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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Chris Z.

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From: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Cc: [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Domesle, Alexander - ARS](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:09:14 PM

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>; Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
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From: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Polling results are attached. In addition, I would expect

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:49 PM
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Subject: Re: URGENT

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 10, 2017, at 4:47 PM, Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov> wrote:

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> **From:** Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:47 PM

> **To:** Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>

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> From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC

> Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:39 PM

> To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC
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Please advise.

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> Sent from my iPad

From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Liu, Simon](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: RE: Dicamba
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 4:07:01 PM

Great. Glad I found the right person. Thank you for your help!!

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS **On Behalf Of** Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Liu, Simon <Simon.Liu@ARS.USDA.GOV>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Dicamba

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All things pesticides should be directed to OPMP.

Thanks,

Sheryl

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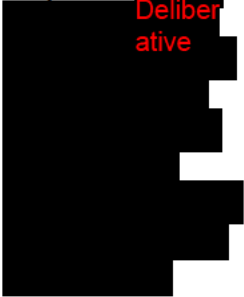


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To All:

The revised agenda with a concrete connection time for Rebekah is attached. I have also attached some of the supporting documents for the discussed tomorrow.

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These are the State Regulatory officials that work with EPA.

DAILY NEWS

EPA Sidesteps State Request For Update On ESA Pesticide Framework

September 18, 2017

EPA is sidestepping calls from state regulators who are pressing the agency on whether it will meet a year-end court deadline for completing the first three consultations under a new federal framework for assessing pesticides' risks to endangered species after industry groups earlier this year urged the agency to scrap the process, calling it overly conservative and unrealistic.

At a Sept. 18-19 meeting of the State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group's (SFIREG) in Washington, DC, state officials argued that chlorpyrifos -- one of the three chemicals slated for review by year-end -- is still "very important" in certain western states, and urged the agency to consider measures short of a ban.

In advance of the SFIREG meeting, the group sent a letter to EPA seeking an update on federal agencies' progress on analyzing risks of the first three pesticides to undergo the new, Obama-era process for assessing pesticides' risks under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). State officials said they sent the letter in the hope of receiving an update at their meeting, though EPA sidestepped the question, promising a response in the future.

EPA is required to complete by December 2017 inter-agency consultation on the first three chemicals to undergo a review under the new federal process for addressing its long-standing failure to assess risks of pesticides to endangered species.

The ESA reviews could result in additional mitigation requirements to protect endangered species for the three pesticides -- chlorpyrifos, malathion and diazinon -- but are not likely to result in severe restrictions on their use. But environmentalists and others are seeking to ban the use of chlorpyrifos after EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, in March, reversed an Obama-era plan to revoke tolerances for the substance's residues.

While environmental groups have won legal settlements to compel the ESA reviews, pesticide producers early this year urged the Trump administration to **scrap the new process**, calling it overly conservative and unrealistic.

Some environmentalists and pesticide industry officials have since **held talks** aimed at improving federal reviews, though the talks have split environmentalists with others doubting their usefulness and industry's commitment.

During the Sept. 18 meeting, SFIREG officials requested an update on the initial reviews and argued the first three chemicals to undergo the process are still needed in certain western states.

We were "wondering what the process was for completing those assessments, and getting

those completed,” Gary Bahr, of the Washington State Department of Agriculture, asked EPA staff. “Those are still very important chemicals in our states.”

Bahr and Robin Schoen-Nessa, an official with the Washington state agriculture department, pressed EPA to consider mitigation requirements for chlorpyrifos short of the ban that environmental groups, some state regulators and Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) are seeking to address potential human health risks of the substance.

'Some Feedback'

Bahr said that western states monitor water quality and have extensive data on chlorpyrifos that could inform regulatory decisions. Schoen-Nessa said chlorpyrifos remains vital for several crops that do not have good alternatives, citing corn, mint and cranberries.

“We were hoping that EPA would be able to provide some feedback on if there were some options outside of complete revocation of tolerances” of chlorpyrifos, Schoen-Nessa said. She added that SFIREG sent the letter to EPA on the status of the ESA reviews “ahead of time, hoping to hear something at the meeting.”

But agency pesticide officials declined to provide an immediate response, including to a specific question on whether federal agencies would make the year-end deadline for the first consultations. Instead, staff said the agency is working on answers in response to the SFIREG letter.

The state regulators' inquiry comes as EPA and federal wildlife officials are facing a December deadline for completing the first reviews under the new inter-agency process, and environmentalists have said the Trump administration is unlikely to make that deadline for the first consultations.

ESA Section 7 requires that EPA consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service, collectively known as the services, on pesticides' potential risks to listed species. After an EPA biological evaluation, the services craft a biological opinion (BiOp) of the product's potential for jeopardizing listed species and lay out reasonable and prudent alternatives that EPA must implement to protect the species.

But EPA and the services have long failed to conduct the required consultations on pesticides' risks to listed species, resulting in numerous environmentalist lawsuits that have set legal deadlines for the agencies to consult on risks of certain commonly-used pesticides.

In November 2013, EPA and federal wildlife officials rolled out an “interim approaches” process based on National Academy of Sciences (NAS) advice for complying with the ESA in Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act pesticide registrations.

Since then, EPA officials have acknowledged that the current process is overly conservative but said they are working to improve it and make it more efficient.

Nevertheless, on Jan. 18, days before Trump's inauguration, the Obama EPA forwarded the first biological evaluations to the services, in support of final BiOps due out by December 2017.

Then in April 13 letters, Dow AgroSciences and two other registrants urged top officials at EPA and federal wildlife agencies to scrap the Obama administration's “interim approaches”

process for assessing pesticides' risks to endangered species, charging the approaches are “fundamentally flawed and should be set aside.”

They urged the Trump administration to halt the first three reviews under the new process, and adopt a new approach, though EPA toxics chief Jim Jones has publicly doubted that the Trump administration will be able to adopt “sustainable” long-term changes to the framework.

Regulatory Uncertainty

During the SFIREG meeting, California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) officials said that uncertainty regarding EPA's oversight of chlorpyrifos has complicated the state's ongoing effort to assess and mitigate risks of the substance. But while other panelists queried EPA on the ESA consultation process, DPR officials said their primary focus is on the substances' potential human health risks.

Despite the year-end deadline, federal wildlife agencies have yet to issue draft BiOps for public comment, which a source with the Center for Biological Diversity has said suggests agencies will miss the December 2017 deadline.

Settlement agreements reached with environmental groups require that EPA and federal wildlife officials complete consultation on risks of chlorpyrifos, diazinon and malathion by December 2017, and on carbaryl and methomyl by December 2018. Additional settlements also set deadlines for review of four other ingredients, including glyphosate, the world's most commonly used herbicide.

The first three draft evaluations that EPA completed under the interim approaches framework drew critical comments from the pesticide after two of the draft reviews -- issued in April 2016 of chlorpyrifos and malathion -- found the substances are likely to adversely affect 97 percent of species evaluated and 99 percent of critical habitat. -- *Dave Reynolds* (dreynolds@iwppnews.com)

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Cc: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: Please advise
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 10:48:10 AM

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Thanks,
Sheryl

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: ESA Court finds EPA broke law in approving 59 pesticides
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:49:42 AM

Thank you again for what had been accomplished so far! My jaw is still dropped!

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On May 10, 2017, at 5:13 AM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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On May 9, 2017, at 8:50 PM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
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Court opinion link at the end. Neonics are the target.

ENDANGERED SPECIES
Court finds EPA broke law in approving 59 pesticides

[Amanda Reilly](#), E&E News reporter
Published: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

U.S. EPA violated the Endangered Species Act when it issued 59 pesticide registrations between 2007 and 2012, a federal court has found.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California agreed with beekeepers, wildlife groups and food safety advocates that EPA unlawfully failed to consult with wildlife agencies on the impacts of the pesticides.

Senior Judge Maxine Chesney, a Clinton appointee, yesterday issued the opinion for the court.

At issue are neonicotinoid-containing pesticides used for agricultural, landscaping and ornamental purposes. Studies have linked neonicotinoids to bee

harm, though EPA earlier this year issued a preliminary risk assessment finding compounds do not pose significant risks to bee colonies ([Greenwire](#), Jan. 13).

The Center for Food Safety, Beyond Pesticides, the Sierra Club and the Center for Environmental Health — which have all raised concerns about the impacts on neonicotinoids on bees — in 2013 joined individual beekeepers in bringing the lawsuit against EPA.

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They challenged EPA's decision to reject an emergency petition to halt registrations of neonicotinoid-containing pesticides, as well as alleged a systematic violation of the Endangered Species Act.

In all, the lawsuit argued that EPA had violated the act in 73 actions to approve products containing the pesticides.

Pesticide manufacturer Bayer CropScience LP intervened in the case on behalf of EPA. The agency and Bayer raised a host of arguments to toss out the claims, including that the plaintiffs lacked legal standing to sue and had challenged certain actions that weren't final agency actions subject to judicial review.

The parties' motions for summary judgment were in front of the court.

In her opinion yesterday, Chesney threw out some of the Endangered Species Act claims but found

that EPA had largely failed to engage in formal consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service over the impacts to endangered and threatened species.

"This is a vital victory," George Kimbrell, Center for Food Safety legal director, said today in a statement. "Science shows these toxic pesticides harm bees, endangered species and the broader environment."

The court, though, ruled in favor of EPA on all of the claims alleging violations of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the federal pesticides law.

Those claims centered on plaintiffs' May 2012 petition asking EPA to immediately suspend the registration of products containing clothianidin, a neonicotinoid compound. EPA denied the request, finding that the petitioners had failed to show how the harms of the pesticide ingredient outweighed the benefits to growers and the agricultural economy.

In her decision yesterday, Chesney agreed with EPA that the groups failed to show that the continued use of the product "would pose an unreasonable hazard to the survival of an endangered or threatened species."

The groups also failed to show how EPA violated the notice provisions in the pesticides law, the court found.

Chesney referred the case to Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley and directed parties to schedule a settlement conference.

[Click here](#) to read the court's opinion.

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To: [Jordan, Leonard - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: NRCS presenting on ESA at the American Chemical Society
Date: Monday, August 14, 2017 9:52:03 AM

Hi Leonard,

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Sheryl

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Facilitating voluntary conservation on private lands: Partnerships and Endangered Species Act predictability

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Cc: [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Carrington, Karen - OGC](#)
Subject: RE: RRTF (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:37:08 PM
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From: Zehren, Chris -

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Subject: FW: RRTF (b) (5) Deliberative

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I am available to discuss at your convenience.

Thanks,

Chris Z.

From: Jordan, Christine - OCIO
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: (b) (5) Deliberative

Good morning, Chris.

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Thanks for this follow-up.

Christine


From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:01 AM
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Thanks,

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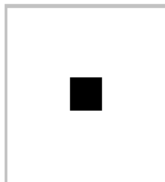
Heidi and Rachel –

Attached is the first of many reports to Secretary outlining the USDA's plans and actions for implementing regulatory reform consistent with the requirements set forth in recent Executive Orders on *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*, *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*, *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, and *Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America*.

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Kindly,



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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
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DAILY NEWS

Senate Democrats Eye PRIA As Vehicle To Reverse EPA Pesticide Policies

July 26, 2017

Senate Democrats are looking to reauthorization of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) as a vehicle for provisions to reverse several Trump EPA pesticide policies they oppose including weakening of worker-protection standards and dropping a ban on chlorpyrifos, saying the bill should not advance without those measures.

In a [July 18 letter](#) to the top Republican and Democrat on the Senate agriculture panel, four Senate Democrats “express our concern about moving forward with the [PRIA] reauthorization and facilitating the Environmental Protection Agency's registration of pesticides without including any safeguards to ensure scientific integrity, worker protection, and EPA's compliance with its legal duty to protect the public from unreasonable harm from pesticides.”

The senators say the PRIA reauthorization bill “is a critical opportunity to address scientific integrity and farmworker safety, and the full Senate should include a limited number of improvements before approving this legislation,” says the letter obtained by *Inside EPA*. Such steps include “finalizing the EPA staff recommended ban on chlorpyrifos and ensuring that the worker protection rules are implemented in a timely manner.”

The letter is signed by Democratic Sens. Tom Udall (NM), Ben Cardin (MD), Richard Blumenthal (CT) and Cory Booker (NJ). None of the senators serve on the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Committee that is chaired by Pat Roberts (KS) and whose ranking member is Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow (MI).

Some senators are also pursuing stand-alone bills to undo some of the Trump EPA pesticide policies that they oppose -- such as trying to force the agency to prohibit the widely used pesticide chlorpyrifos after EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced he would scrap an Obama-era plan to issue such a ban.

Udall on July 25 introduced a bill, [S. 1624](#), seeking to ban use of chlorpyrifos on food to protect against neurodevelopmental risks to children. “The science hasn't changed since EPA proposed to ban chlropyrifos in 2015 . . . only the politics have changed,” Udall told reporters during a July 25 news conference on the U.S. Capitol lawn. “If EPA won't act to protect the public and to protect children than Congress must.”

Udall's bill, and the push to insert policy related provisions in the PRIA reauthorization, are part of Senate Democrats' opposition to several of Pruitt's pesticide policies, including plans to significantly delay and possibly revise Obama-era rules bolstering EPA regulations for protecting farmworkers from pesticides and for certification and training of applicators of restricted use pesticides.

The four Democratic senators in their letter to the agriculture panel say, “Since Administrator

Pruitt took office, EPA has taken multiple actions in a very short time that put farmworkers, their families, rural communities -- indeed, the entire country -- at risk. . . . These moves are entirely inconsistent with the PRIA legislation reported by the Senate Agriculture Committee, which sets aside funds to help EPA implement these same rules that Administrator Pruitt is now seeking to delay."

PRIA Reauthorization

One farmworker advocate suggests that Udall has put a procedural hold on the pending Senate bill seeking to reauthorize PRIA, but Udall's office did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

Since 2003, PRIA has allowed industry fees to fund more efficient EPA pesticide reviews, and also allocated money for farmworker protection programs.

Environmental and farmworker advocates have participated in a coalition supporting PRIA, though in May some members threatened to **withdraw their support**, citing Trump's proposed budget request that would cut funding for farmworker training and after Pruitt delayed the recent pesticide safety rules.

Environmental and farmworker groups have for years urged EPA to ban chlorpyrifos, which scientists say poses neurodevelopmental risks to children causing effects including lower IQ and attention deficit disorder. Under federal court pressure, the Obama EPA in November 2015 proposed banning use of the substance on food.

The decision followed a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruling that found EPA's delay in answering advocates' 2007 petition for a ban was "egregious" and ordered the agency to issue a final answer on the petition by March 31.

On March 29, Pruitt reversed course, rejecting environmentalists' petition for a chlorpyrifos ban, citing the need for further study of the substances' potential risks as part of the agency's Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act registration review of the substance scheduled for completion by October 2022.

The Senate bill seeks to reverse Pruitt's decision to ban chlorpyrifos and would require "EPA to take regulatory action on a pesticide if the Administrator becomes aware of any unsafe exposures to organophosphate pesticides without delay," according to a statement from Udall's office.

During the news conference Udall flanked by advocates from Farmworker Justice and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), suggested that Pruitt's reversal on chlorpyrifos may have resulted from industry influence. He noted Pruitt's reversal came shortly after his meeting with Andrew Liveris, CEO of chlorpyrifos producer Dow Chemical, and also said the company donated \$1 million to President Donald Trump's inaugural festivities.

"This bill tells the chemical industry that our children's health and safety are not for sale," NRDC says in a statement. "Farmworkers shouldn't have to fear that they might be exposed to toxic pesticides in the fields or that their children or will be poisoned if it drifts into in their communities."

Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY) has introduced **a similar bill in the House** that would ban use of chlorpyrifos and also require destruction of existing stocks of the pesticide.

Environmental groups with support from a half dozen Democratic state attorneys general (AGs) have challenged Pruitt's chlorpyrifos reversal in the 9th Circuit, arguing that Pruitt's reversal allows risks to children to persist and violates federal law.

In a July 24 filing, states backed their pending request to intervene in environmentalists lawsuit, arguing that state residents face risks from the Trump EPA's failure to reach a finding required under the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act that levels of pesticides on food are safe. The state AGs represent New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, Vermont, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

Senators' Concerns

During the news conference, Blumenthal -- a co-sponsor of the bill to ban chlorpyrifos -- backed the state's legal push but said that Congress should also seek to remove the substance from the market given strong scientific evidence supporting a neurodevelopmental risk.

The states' "lawsuit is a worthwhile effort and in the long run maybe it will succeed," Blumenthal said. "But we have an obligation in Congress to do the right thing."

Other Democratic senators supporting the bill are Booker, Ed Markey (MA), and Kirsten Gillibrand (NY). Asked about possible Republican support, Udall characterized the bill as a first step toward banning chlorpyrifos, and said he hoped the effort would gain support given strong scientific evidence of the substances' risks.

The Senate Democrats' letter calling for improving protections for farmworkers before advancing PRIA cites EPA's reversal on chlorpyrifos ban and delays of a 2015 overhaul of EPA's farmworker protection standards (WPS) and January rule bolstering requirements for pesticide applicators as reason for their opposition.

EPA's November 2015 final rule updating its WPS and the Jan. 4 final rule updating certification and training requirements for applicators of restricted use pesticides, both bolstered farmworker protections through stronger training requirements and a minimum age of 18 for working as a pesticide handler.

But the pesticide industry, state regulators and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have strongly opposed the WPS and faulted aspects of the applicators rule, and called on the Trump administration to delay and potentially scale back both regulations. -- *Dave Reynolds* (dreynolds@iwpnews.com)

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Cc: [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: FINAL PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:23:31 AM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

All,

Here is the passback from OMB. Please quickly review and let me know if you have any final thoughts. OMB gave us a deadline of 11:30 if there is anything else we would like to change. I have told the Committee to expect this mid-day, so we'll need to get moving on this.

Thanks,

From: Fitter, E. Holly H. EOP/OMB [mailto:E._Holly_Fitter@omb.eop.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:14 AM
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Here is the PASSBACK that includes: (1) the EPA and DOJ edits **that USDA said that it has agreed to; and (2) the revised ESA paragraph**, which has been edited by OMB to try to address everyone's equities.

USDA: Once you have confirmed that you are accepting all edits – by providing a final clean copy -- I will clear.

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Everyone: Unless you advise by 11:30 AM this morning, I will assume that there are no outstanding issues.

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Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Domesle, Alexander - ARS](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:00:02 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

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Thank you

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Please advise.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Subject: RE: We both made the press today - I am now a "spokeswoman" HA!
Date: Thursday, November 09, 2017 9:50:52 AM

And, for the record, when NPDES is brought up by anyone, I do/did not discuss that with SCPA or anyone else – their newsletter is conflating the many meetings they had that week.

Sadly, E&E is following the script that, if you ever worked in the private sector, you have no integrity and must be gaming the system in government. Clearly, as many at USDA have learned, I am a mouthpiece for no one.

It is kind of them to note that USDA hasn't regulated pesticides since the year I was born, though – seems like that is especially relevant to the debate about my character.

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: We both made the press today - I am now a "spokeswoman" HA!

Yes. You have to love stories that are a result of FOIAs - and they fill in the redactions! I hope all went well today at your appt!
 Sheryl (aka Spokeswoman)

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On Nov 8, 2017, at 1:41 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Being judged from afar by people who have literally never met or interacted with you is ever so fair.

Guess they ran out of ammo on my colleagues so they left with sport fishing the small fry like me;)

Rebeckah Adcock

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On Nov 8, 2017, at 1:31 PM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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PESTICIDES

Former agribusiness lobbyist oversees USDA rule rollbacks

[Maxine Joselow](#), E&E News reporter
Published: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

A former agribusiness lobbyist is leading the Department of Agriculture's regulatory reform efforts.

Rebeckah Adcock, who previously worked for the American Farm Bureau Federation and CropLife America, is at the helm of the department's regulatory reform task force.

President Trump's [executive order](#) in February directed agencies to set up panels to target regulations for repeal, revision or replacement ([Greenwire](#), Feb. 24).

Rebeckah Adcock. American Agricultural Law Association
A senior adviser to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, Adcock was appointed the panel's regulatory reform officer, according to a *Federal Register* [notice](#).
Congressional Democrats have accused U.S. EPA's task force of lacking transparency, and there are similar issues with USDA's panel ([Greenwire](#), Oct. 23).

USDA hasn't disclosed names of other panel members. And it's unclear which stakeholders are being consulted and which regulations have been identified for revision or repeal.

Lori Ann Burd, environmental health director with the Center for Biological Diversity, expressed concern that Adcock would cater to agribusiness interests at the expense of public health and the environment.

"We just see USDA very aggressively pursuing the interests of Big Ag and pesticide companies," Burd said. "It's very hard to believe that someone who has devoted her career to advocating for the regulated industry could just change pace and become an open-minded advocate for the interests of the American people at large."

USDA didn't return multiple emailed requests for an opportunity to interview Adcock, the names of panel members and other information about the review.

While little is known about her work at USDA, Adcock has extensive experience as an agribusiness lobbyist.

From 2010 until earlier this year, she was senior director of government affairs at CropLife America, a trade group for pesticide manufacturers, according to her [LinkedIn profile](#). CropLife America spent nearly \$845,000 on lobbying in the first quarter of this year, including on the reauthorization of the Pesticide

Registration Improvement Extension Act (PRIA), [H.R. 1029](#), which would extend EPA's fee system for pesticide registration. The House passed the bill in March, and the Senate Agriculture Committee approve the measure in June ([Greenwire](#), June 29).

Beau Greenwood, Croplife America's executive vice president, praised Adcock.

"I'm very proud of the work that Rebeckah Adcock did at CropLife America and the work that she's doing now serving the president," Greenwood said. "Rebeckah Adcock has the highest integrity of anybody I've ever worked with."

Greenwood also expressed frustration with the pace at which the pesticide registration bill was moving through Congress.

"When PRIA was reauthorized in 2007 and 2012, it passed the Senate by unanimous consent. This should be low-hanging fruit," he said. "Unfortunately, this time around there are Democratic holds on the bill, and we're having to work our way through a number of extraneous policy matters directly or indirectly related to EPA's regulation of pesticides."

Adcock also previously chaired the Pesticide Policy Coalition, whose membership includes pesticide manufacturers. In that role, she circulated a press release praising EPA's decision not to ban the insecticide chlorpyrifos, according to [emails](#) obtained by *The New York Times* through a Freedom of Information Act request.

"We need to provide regulatory certainty to the thousands of American farmers that rely on" the insecticide, the press release stated.

Sheryl Kunickis, director of USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy, responded to Adcock's email containing the press release, "Thank you! It is a great week for our growers and the decision is much appreciated."

USDA's 'outsized role' on pesticides

Burd, of the Center for Biological Diversity, said she worries that Adcock will exert influence over EPA's pesticide rules from her post at USDA.

"USDA is seemingly playing a pretty outsized role in EPA decisionmaking," Burd said.

As an example, Burd cited the press release announcing EPA's reversal of the ban on chlorpyrifos, which quoted Kunickis of USDA. "It's pretty unusual that an EPA press release would have a USDA

spokeswoman on the press release and pretty telling of how much influence they have," Burd said.

EPA declined to comment for this story.

Since coming to USDA in April, Adcock has weighed in on EPA's pesticide policies during at least one meeting with industry.

In May, Adcock met with several executives from the Southern Crop Production Association to discuss the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), according to the trade group's [news release](#).

USDA was originally tasked with enforcing FIFRA, which governs the registration and sale of pesticides. But that responsibility was transferred to EPA in 1970.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included "pesticide permitting near water" and PRIA, according to the news release.

"Rebeckah has an exceptional understanding regarding the many issues facing agriculture due, in large part, to her previous position" with CropLife America, the news release stated.

E&E News has submitted a FOIA request for information about other stakeholders Adcock has consulted on USDA's regulatory reform efforts. That request is pending as the agency wades through a backlog.

"We had an 80 percent increase in the number of FOIAs this fiscal year," Christine Jordan, a contractor supporting the department's FOIA office, told E&E News yesterday. "We're really, really behind."

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From: Lowe, MaryFrances - FSIS
To: [McKinney, Ted - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: U.S. Farm Study shows nos cancer link to Roundup
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:56:20 AM

Thanks for sharing this, and for joining us at CCFH this week. We appreciate your time and attention very much.

With respect to glyphosate in Codex:

The Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR), which is the risk assessment body for the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR), re-evaluated glyphosate at a special session in May 2016. JMPR publishes detailed monographs and reports on their reviews.

Essentially, JMPR found no reason for concern due to short or long term dietary exposure.

There are no plans for further work on glyphosate. CCPR accepted the JMPR conclusions at its April 2017 session. Codex has established residue limits for glyphosate for 31 commodities.

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Thanks again for your support.

Mary Frances

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 9, 2017, at 4:09 PM, McKinney, Ted - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Ted.McKinney@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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MaryFrances, we can discuss in more depth on Sunday/Monday in Chicago. I'm looking forward to seeing you and Team USA Codex.

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC

Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 1:43 PM

To: McKinney, Ted - OSEC, Washington, DC <Ted.McKinney@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC <Dudley.Hoskins@osec.usda.gov>; Greg Ibach MRP Under Secretary <Greg.Ibach.MRP.Under.Secretary@osec.usda.gov>; Hafemeister, Jason - OSEC, Washington, DC <Jason.Hafemeister1@osec.usda.gov>; Willbrand, Zhulieta - OSEC, Washington, DC <zhulieta.z.willbrand@osec.usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>

Subject: Re: House Committee to Hold Hearing on Glyphosate Allegations

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U.S. farm study finds no cancer link to Monsanto's Roundup

Published: Thursday, November 9, 2017

An extensive study on the weedkiller glyphosate found no definitive link between exposure and cancer in farm workers.

Glyphosate is the main ingredient in Monsanto Co.'s popular herbicide Roundup.

The [study](#), published today in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, tracked tens of thousands of Iowa and North Carolina agricultural workers, farmers and their families since the early 1990s.

"Glyphosate was not statistically significantly associated with cancer at any site," the conclusion said.

The findings could affect a U.S. court case in which more than 180 plaintiffs claim Roundup use gave them cancer. The study could also influence a major E.U. decision that had been due this week on whether glyphosate should be relicensed for sale.

The E.U. decision was delayed again today, after the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer found the chemical was "probably carcinogenic" in 2015 (Kate Kelland, [Reuters](#), Nov. 9). — **NB**

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On Nov 7, 2017, at 1:49 PM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
<Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Under Secretary McKinney,
In addition to the previous info, the following article has links to the letters to IARC and to HHS from Congress regarding glyphosate.
Sheryl

Committee prepares for hearing

on pesticide study

[Corbin Hiar](#), E&E News reporter

Published: Thursday, November 2, 2017

The House Science, Space and Technology Committee is preparing to hold a hearing on the International Agency for Research on Cancer's controversial determination that the widely used herbicide glyphosate is "probably carcinogenic."

In a [letter](#) sent yesterday to the head of the World Health Organization's cancer agency, committee leaders requested the names and contact information of IARC-affiliated individuals responsible for editing its study on glyphosate, which is known as a monograph.

Those individuals could "serve as potential witnesses for this hearing," wrote Reps. Lamar Smith (R-Texas) and Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), who are respectively the chairmen of the full committee and the Environment Subcommittee.

Separately, the chairmen yesterday also [asked](#) Eric Hargan, the acting secretary of Health and Human Services for "all documents and communications between or among members of the IARC monograph program and any research institutes or agencies within HHS." The agency, Smith and Biggs noted, has provided more than \$48 million to the IARC since 1985.

The potential hearing and related committee inquiries were prompted, the letters said, by a recent Reuters investigation.

That story found IARC omitted evidence in its review of glyphosate — the main ingredient in Monsanto Co.'s Roundup weedkiller — that went against the agency's conclusion that the chemical likely causes cancer in humans ([Greenwire](#), Oct. 20).

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

is also looking into the role U.S. agencies may have played in the IARC monograph on glyphosate ([Greenwire](#), Aug. 9).

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Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:10:14 PM
To: McKinney, Ted - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Subject: Re: House Committee to Hold Hearing on Glyphosate Allegations

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Please let me know if you have additional questions. I will keep you posted as this unfolds.

- Safe travels!
- Sheryl

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Cc: [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: Submission of Regulatory Reform Report to the Secretary
Date: Monday, September 25, 2017 5:55:07 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Review OSEC OMB Report from USDA May 25 17.pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)
Importance: High

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rachel.Pick@osec.usda.gov>; Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>
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Heidi and Rachel –

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Kindly,



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Subject: RE: Submission of Regulatory Reform Report to the Secretary
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 3:56:04 PM
Attachments: [2017-OCIO-04831-F Responsive Record.pdf](#)
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[image003.png](#)

Dear Rebeckah –

Per your request, please see attached a copy the report that was released previously under the FOIA. Please feel free to contact me if you need further assistance.

Regards,
 Karen Carrington



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Karen:

Re the Reg Reform report that was released via FOIA request, we would like to send the identical version to the House Oversight Committee. (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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Thanks,

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Thank you Campbell. (b) (5) Deliberative



Abbey L. Fretz

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Subject: MCFA Agenda

Date: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 9:29:02 AM

Attachments: [MCFA Agenda -- 08102017.docx](#)

To All;

Please find attached the agenda for the meeting tomorrow. Rebeckah will be joining us at her convenience late morning as her schedule permits. We will break the agenda when she is able to call in and resume at the break point after we have finished our discussions with her. The teleconferencing numbers are at the bottom of the attached agenda and are repeated here for convenience: call in Number: (866) 453-5550, Pin Code: [\(b\) \(6\)](#) As usual the conference connection will be initiated shortly before the 9:30 am start time and will remain active until the meeting adjourns.

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow. I will send out a couple of documents for discussion purposes prior to the meeting later today. It may go out as two different emails due to the documents. We will not resend documents that have been part of routine notifications that have gone out to the Technical Committee since our last meeting. If there are information needs identified during the meeting we will forward additional copies as requested.

Thanks,

Dan

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Cc: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: RE: FYI: (b)(5) Deliberative & Attorney Client
Date: Friday, August 11, 2017 5:07:47 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

Heidi,

Stephen/ (b)(5) ACP . (b) (5) Deliberative

From: Vaden, Stephen - OGC
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To: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>
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Yes, the new work plan (b)(5) ACP . (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative, (b)(5)ACP .

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Subject: RE: FYI: (b)(5) Deliberative & Attorney Client

Stephen,

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
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If further discussion is necessary before approval, OBPA would be happy to arrange that with MRP.

Thanks,

Chris Z.

From: Hetrick, Julie - OBPA, Washington, DC

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:56 AM

To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>

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Bcc: [Smith, Connie - OSEC](#)
Subject: RE: Round 1 Reg Reform Proposed Actions
Date: Friday, August 18, 2017 6:23:23 PM
Attachments: [MRP - APHIS RRTF Data Call Revised 7-19-2017.xlsx](#)
[MRP - GIPSA RRTF Data Call Revised 6-23-2017.xlsx](#)
[MRP - AMS RRTF Data Call Revised 7-19-2017 6pm.xlsx](#)

Please find attached the documents that will be reviewed during the meeting.

Chris Z.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 4:37 PM

To: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC; Shea, Kevin - APHIS; Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC; Vaden, Stephen - OGC

Subject: Round 1 Reg Reform Proposed Actions

When: Monday, August 21, 2017 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: 202-B

In an effort to be the most productive in this meeting, please limit the number of people who will attend.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Tobin, Andrew - OE](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Draft for your review
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:35:50 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

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From: Tobin, Andrew - OE
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Draft for your review

Rebeckah,

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I'm available to discuss if you have any questions whatsoever. Have a great day.

"Customer service matters to us, please take our short survey, [click here](#)"

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Subject: Draft for your review
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:16:50 PM
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Rebeckah,


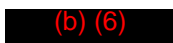

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I'm available to discuss if you have any questions whatsoever. Have a great day.

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To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Cc: [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 5:27:13 PM
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From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:19 PM
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Subject: (b) (5) Deliberative

Rebeckah and Stephen,

The Secretary will be meeting with Pruitt for breakfast on Monday and Zinke for lunch on Thursday.

Heidi asked me to check with you (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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Thanks!
Campbell



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Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Policy Time on Tuesday
Date: Friday, April 28, 2017 9:28:36 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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All,

Our next "Policy Time" will be Tuesday, May 2nd from 9 to 10:30am. We have 1.5 hours to cover the agenda below. I will send you calendar invites for policy time from my calendar shortly.

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Cc: [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:09:52 AM
Attachments: [Draft PLAN on Regulatory Review inside UDSA \(005\).docx](#)

I've revised the paper (attached here as version 005) (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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Please let me know if you need anything more.

thanks,

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:01 AM
To: Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
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Will send you briefing doc as FYI as soon as complete.

Thanks, Reb

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To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
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Thanks,
andrew

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Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Another thought – (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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Thanks,
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From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:26 AM
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Cc: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Good morning,

Attached is a draft plan for implementing the executive orders related to regulatory reform.

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My belief is that we can (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
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I'm here and ready to make changes in advance of the 3 o'clock briefing.

Thanks

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:55 PM
To: Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

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, is that workable?

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Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Hi Tim,

I have attached two documents for you: (1) an updated list of people nominated to the Regulatory Task Force, and (2) a table containing due dates from the various Executive Orders and related guidance documents on Regulatory Reform.

Note that we have two items due immediately: (1) the report from the Regulatory Reform Task Force to the Secretary required by Section 2(g) of EO 13777, and (2) the plan for complying with the regulatory review requirement in subsection (a) of EO 13783 that was due to OMB last Friday.

Note that after the plan for complying with the regulatory review requirement in EO 13783 is submitted to OMB we are to prepare a report with our recommendations for achieving the goals of EO 13783. The draft report is due to OMB on July 26, 2017 and the final submission is due September 24, 2017.

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Thanks,
andrew

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To: Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Bice, Don - OBPA <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: Regulatory Reform Task Force

OBPA—

FYI, Tim Page is now helping me out on reg reform here in OSEC, so feel free to work with either or both of us as appropriate to keep things moving quickly and steadily on the effort. Tim is cc'd here.

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Subject: RE: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force

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Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:21 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force

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From: Cullo, Diane - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Rebeckah:

My recommendations for participants on the Task Force are:

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Thank you.

Diane



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From: Vaden, Stephen - OGC
To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Subject: RE: EO 13771 worksheet FOLLOW-UP - DUE today at 5:30 pm
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 6:51:58 PM

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 6:04 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
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Chris Z.

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If you have any questions, please call me.

Please submit to me by no later than 5:30 p.m. today.

As always,

Thanks,

Mike

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From: [Bridgforth, Turner - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Mississippi Farm Bureau & Mississippi Department of Ag & Commerce

Principals:

- Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary
- Blake Rollins, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
- Turner Bridgforth, Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

Participants:

- Justin Ferguson, MFBF National Affairs Coordinator
- Andy Whittington, MFBF Environmental Affairs Coordinator
- John Campbell, MDAC Deputy Commissioner
- Michael Ledlow, MDAC Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry
- Chris McDonald, MDAC Director of Environmental Affairs

Issues:

- Cotton Ginning Cost Share Program
- Labor Issues
- Ag Disaster Declaration
- Dicamba
- General Pesticide Issues

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The only worksheet in the Excel files you need to look at is Tab "2. Primary worksheet".

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Tim is sending a note to the COS from me tonight.

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Subject: Briefing Documents for Fall Reg Agenda & Reform today at 2 pm
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 12:47:18 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

From: Poe, Michael - OBPA
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#); [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Subject: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Monday, June 19, 2017 1:20:11 PM
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Thanks.

Mike Poe

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Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 1:37 PM
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Cc: Abbott, Linda - OCE <LAbbott@oce.usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

Mike,

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USDA is concerned

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USDA should

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Please let me know if there are questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Sheryl

Director, USDA Office of Pest Management Policy

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 13, 2017, at 12:41 PM, Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov> wrote:

From: Poe, Michael - OBPA

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:51 AM

To: Abbott, Linda - OCE; Daly, Erin - NIFA; Krizmanich, Melanie - NIFA; Dunmore, Ruth - NIFA

Cc: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Subject: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

Please advise if you have comments by COB, tomorrow, June 14. Thanks.

Mike

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Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 6:23 PM
To: 'DHS Reg' <dhsogcregulations@hq.dhs.gov>; 'DOD Reg Mailbox' <osd.mc-alex.odcmo.mbx.dod-reg-reviews@mail.mil>; 'DOLRegPolicy@dol.gov' <DOLRegPolicy@dol.gov>; 'Gormsen, Eric T (OLP) (JMD)' <Eric.T.Gormsen@usdoj.gov>; 'HHS' <HHSExecSec@hhs.gov>; 'Linda Wennerberg' (<linda.s.wennerberg@nasa.gov>)' <linda.s.wennerberg@nasa.gov>; Underwood, Patricia M CIV (US) <patricia.m.underwood.civ@mail.mil>; 'Tabby Waqar' <tayyaba.waqar@sba.gov>; Anita Meyer <anita.k.meyer@usace.mil>; Bill Perry <perry.bill@dol.gov>; Bromberg, Kevin L. <kevin.bromberg@sba.gov>; camille.mittelholtz@dot.gov; Christina.Cody@Hq.Doe.Gov; Daniel.Cohen@hq.doe.gov; defoe.tiffany@dol.gov; 'DHS Reg' <dhsogcregulations@hq.dhs.gov>; DOD Reg Mailbox <osd.mc-alex.odcmo.mbx.dod-reg-reviews@mail.mil>; DOE Interagency Box <'gc-71energyregs@hq.doe.gov'>; DOLRegPolicy@dol.gov; dot.regulations@dot.gov; 'Gormsen, Eric T (OLP) (JMD)' <Eric.T.Gormsen@usdoj.gov>; gregory.trussell@nrc.gov; 'HHS' <HHSExecSec@hhs.gov>; james.leatherwood-1@nasa.gov; jorge.munizortiz@fsis.usda.gov; kelly.a.scanlon4.ctr@mail.mil; khatlelid@cpsc.gov; Linda Wennerberg <'linda.s.wennerberg@nasa.gov'>; mark.j.schoppet@nasa.gov; michael.kuperberg@science.doe.gov; Nidhi.Thakar@hq.doe.gov; Orfa.Torres-Jaen@NNSA.Doe.Gov; Patricia Underwood <'patricia.m.underwood.civ@mail.mil'>; patricia.toppings@whs.mil; Bennett, Patty - FSIS <Patty.Bennett@fsis.usda.gov>; Robert.Seifert@EM.Doe.Gov; Robert.Waxman@hq.doe.gov; ron.milam@hhs.gov; Russell.Pereira@hq.doe.gov; schaeffer.val@dol.gov; Sherri.Hutchens@us.army.mil; Tabby Waqar <tayyaba.waqar@sba.gov>; (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@noblis.org>; tremaine.donnell@nrc.gov; tthomas@cpsc.gov; WCTS - OBPA USDA Reg <usdareg@obpa.usda.gov>

Subject: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

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Thanks,
Danielle

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From: Shaw, Nena
To: [Darwin, Henry](#); [Brown, Byron](#); [Tomiak, Robert](#); [Tejada, Matthew](#); [Letendre, Daisy](#); (b) (6) @toyota.com;
 (b) (6) @toyota.com
Cc: [Fountain, Matt - RD, Washington, DC](#); [Fountain, Matt - RD, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Toyota Follow Up
Date: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 5:04:37 PM
Attachments: [USACE Reg Reform - AGC.PDF](#)

All –

First of all, thank you for your time this afternoon to begin talking through how we will work to streamline the NEPA environmental review process across the government. As I mentioned, I think this is an incredible opportunity. We are thrilled that Toyota is interested in working with us to achieve the President's goal of reaching a 2 year cycle time for the overall process, if not exceeding that goal.

Jamie mentioned the video TSSC made of their work with the State of New York on a permitting process and I have provided a link below.

<http://www.tssc.com/gov-nys-vid.asp>

I have also attached the Association of General Contractors comments on the NEPA process, which includes a version of the NEPA process chart. In addition, I am adding what I think is a high resolution version. Again, we do not endorse all of these comments or suggestions, but they are reflective of customer concerns and want to share them to inform this project.

In addition, I am going to write a note on next steps to ensure that we are all on the same page. Watch for that early next week.

Thanks again.

Best, Nena

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Darwin, Henry
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Darwin, Henry; Brown, Byron; Tomiak, Robert; Tejada, Matthew; Letendre, Daisy; Shaw, Nena; (b) (6) @toyota.com; (b) (6) @toyota.com
Cc: Matt.fountain@osec.usda.gov; Fountain, Matt - RD, Washington, DC; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Toyota Follow Up
When: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 1:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 3402 WJC-N

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Graves, Alexis - OCIO](#); [Jordan, Christine - OCIO](#)
Cc: [Carrington, Karen - OGC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: Submission of Regulatory Reform Report to the Secretary
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:23:32 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Regulatory Review OSEC OMB Report from UDSA May 25 17.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Here is the report submitted to OBM and the Secretary.



Rebeckah

Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rachel.Pick@osec.usda.gov>; Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: Submission of Regulatory Reform Report to the Secretary
Importance: High

Heidi and Rachel –

Attached is the first of many reports to Secretary outlining the USDA's plans and actions for implementing regulatory reform consistent with the requirements set forth in recent Executive Orders on *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*, *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*, *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, and *Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America*.

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Kindly,



Rebeckah Freeman Adcock

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United States Department of Agriculture

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From: Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Poe, Michael - OBPA](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#); [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Monday, June 19, 2017 3:16:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Mike,

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Sam



Samuel H. Clovis, Jr., MBA, DPA

Senior White House Advisor - Office of the Secretary

United States Department of Agriculture

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From: Poe, Michael - OBPA

Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 1:20 PM

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Cc: Zehren, Chris - OBPA <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA

<Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>; Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: For Approval to Submit USDA comments to OMB EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

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Thanks.

Mike Poe

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 1:37 PM

To: Poe, Michael - OBPA <Michael.Poe@obpa.usda.gov>

Cc: Abbott, Linda - OCE <LAbbott@oce.usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OCE
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Subject: Re: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in
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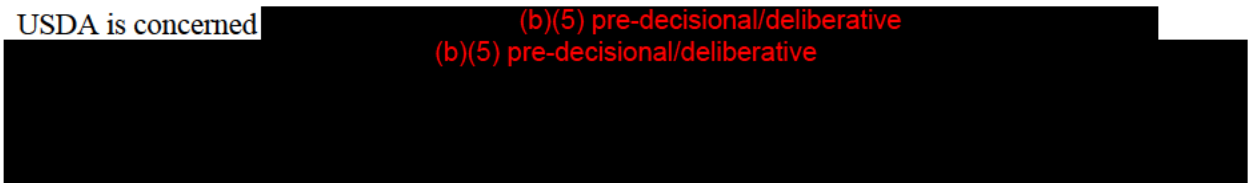
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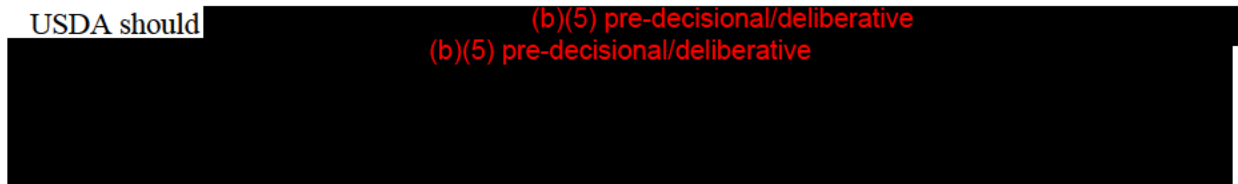


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Please let me know if there are questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Sheryl
Director, USDA Office of Pest Management Policy

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 13, 2017, at 12:41 PM, Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov> wrote:

From: Poe, Michael - OBPA
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Abbott, Linda - OCE; Daly, Erin - NIFA; Krizmanich, Melanie - NIFA; Dunmore, Ruth - NIFA
Cc: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Subject: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

Please advise if you have comments by COB, tomorrow, June 14. Thanks.

Mike

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Jordan, Leonard - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: For our managers meeting - Draft (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:05:00 AM

Thank you – standing by here to help as needed.

Reb

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>; Jordan, Leonard - NRCS, Washington, DC <Leonard.Jordan@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: For our managers meeting - Draft (b) (5) Deliberative

Good Morning,
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Thanks,
 Sheryl

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC" <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>
Date: May 18, 2017 at 8:41:16 AM EDT
To: Cathy Tortorici - NOAA Federal <cathy.tortorici@noaa.gov>
Subject: For our managers meeting - Draft (b) (5) Deliberative
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Hi Cathy,
 I took a look at the draft (b) (5) Deliberative
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Thanks,
Sheryl

From: Cathy Tortorici - NOAA Federal [<mailto:cathy.tortorici@noaa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Echeverria, Marietta <Echeverria.Marietta@epa.gov>; Pease, Anita <Pease.Anita@epa.gov>; Villanueva, Philip <Villanueva.Philip@epa.gov>; Shultz, Gina <gina_shultz@fws.gov>; Patrice Ashfield <patrice_ashfield@fws.gov>; Dumas, Richard <Dumas.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: For our managers meeting - Draft RPAs/RPMs with questions and a bit more

Dear all -

I am not going to be on the 8 am call because I am out of the office.

Here are our draft RPAs/RPMs. Any comments by 5/26/17 would be great. You can send those comments to me please. Please note that the whole point of the way we have the RPAs/RPMs is to use this to start a dialog with you all, the registrants, and the NGO community on them. The document is set up like a pick list of options that can be considered for each species. I also ask that you all not circulate these outside of your program/office please.

Questions for you all -

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I am going to be around on Friday to talk about any or all of this.

Thanks so much -

Cathy T.

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<Chapter 26 RPA & RPM.pdf>

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Updates on pesticide issues
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 12:55:02 PM

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I will keep you informed of any incoming news or updates. Glad to brief you on any of the subjects to give you background if needed.

Thanks,

Sheryl

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebekah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: FW: EO 13771 worksheet FOLLOW-UP - DUE today at 5:30 pm
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 6:04:14 PM
Attachments: [APHIS-Copy of 9-5-17 Copy of UPDATED EO 13771 Worksheet 8.30.2017 locked.xlsx](#)
[FNS-Copy of 090617 FNS - UPDATED EO 13771 Worksheet 8.30.2017 locked \(3\).xlsx](#)
[Forest Service-UPDATED EO 13771 Worksheet 8.30.2017 locked-FS9-6-17.xlsx](#)
[FSIS - EO 13771 Worksheet 8.30.2017 locked.xlsx](#)
[AMS-UPDATED EO 13771 Worksheet 8.30.2017 locked.xlsx](#)
Importance: High

See attached. These are the only agencies that submitted a work sheet for EO 13771. Those that did not submit a work sheet presumably do not have rules subject to EO 13771, or anything that is deregulatory that would help with the 2-for-1. (b) (5) Deliberative

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Chris Z.

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 4:33 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: EO 13771 worksheet FOLLOW-UP - DUE today at 5:30 pm
Importance: High

From: Poe, Michael - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:57 AM
To: O'Neill, Stephen - APHIS <Stephen.O'Neill@aphis.usda.gov>; Cleare, Charisse L - APHIS <Charisse.Cleare@aphis.usda.gov>; Thomas, Lynnette - FNS <Lynnette.Thomas@fns.usda.gov>; Watford, Charles - FNS <charles.watford@fns.usda.gov>; Lucas, Richard - FNS <Richard.Lucas@fns.usda.gov>; DePiro, Michael - FNS <Michael.DePiro@fns.usda.gov>; Goode, Ann E - FS <aegoode@fs.fed.us>; Michael, Matthew - FSIS <Matthew.Michael@fsis.usda.gov>
Cc: Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>; Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Smith, Mark - OBPA, Washington, DC <Mark.Smith@obpa.usda.gov>; York, Kent - OBPA, Washington, DC <kent.york@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: EO 13771 worksheet FOLLOW-UP - DUE today at 5:30 pm
Importance: High

To: APHIS, FNS, Forest Service, FSIS Regulatory Officers

To complete the EO 13771 portion of the Fall Regulatory Agenda, OBPA will need columns N through T (cost savings columns) completed for all of your agency's identified deregulatory items (attached for each agency). Also, if your agency has any 'Exempt' or 'Other' identified on the spreadsheet, please let us know if this is a "2 for 1" item or, if there are cost savings for "Exempt" or "Other", please complete columns N through T. Any "Exempt" or "Other" should only appear on the spreadsheet if they are either "2 for 1" or have cost savings. If they are either 2 for 1 or cost savings, we will list them all as deregulatory rather than "Exempt" or "Other". If they are neither, we will remove them from the spreadsheet.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Please submit to me by no later than 5:30 p.m. today.

As always,

Thanks,

Mike

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From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:10 AM
To: Poe, Michael - OBPA, Washington, DC <Michael.Poe@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: worksheet follow up DUE today at 5:30

Ask them to complete columns N-T. If there are no costs or savings, ask why it is on the sheet – is it a 2 for 1?

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Poe, Michael - OBPA, Washington, DC <Michael.Poe@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: worksheet follow up DUE today at 5:30

Mike,

Please ask APHIS, FNS and Forest Service to complete column N on the OIRA 13771 worksheet for the items below. If the item is deregulatory please tell us the savings. If the savings is \$0 then we need to know this and why it is deregulatory. Note that even if the item is not significant under 12866, if it is deregulatory, it should be listed as deregulatory under the 13771 designation on the spreadsheet. Since agency's listed the items on the worksheet, we interpret that to mean the items are deregulatory.

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Also, please ask FSIS for a 13771 designation for these items plus expected costs and savings:

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Andrew Perry
Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Division
Office of Budget and Program Analysis, USDA
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: USE this version RE: DELIBERATIVE - (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 10:41:42 AM
Attachments: [DELIBERATIVE - \(b\) \(5\) Deliberative](#)
Importance: High

Updated version for edit.
Use this if possible.

Have to have done by noon.

Reb

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 8:18 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: DELIBERATIVE - (b) (5) Deliberative

For your consideration:

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Subject: DELIBERATIVE - (b) (5) Deliberative

Importance: High

Chris and Andrew –

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: RRTF Recommendations Summary v3
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 6:46:11 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

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Otherwise, see attached spread sheet showing where we are.

Chris Z.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: RRTF Recommendations Summary v3

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Subject: RRTF Recommendations Summary v3

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Please provide me your input and I will work to finalize tomorrow after I get agency submissions.

Thanks,

Chris Z.

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FYI
Date: Friday, April 28, 2017 11:49:15 AM
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From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Friday, April 28, 2017 6:19:46 PM
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Rebeckah and Stephen,

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To: section.2.EO13783@omb.eop.gov
Cc: [Levenbach, Stuart . EOP/OMB](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: USDA Plan for Section 2 of Executive Order 13783, "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth"
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:37:40 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Review OSEC OMB Report from UDSA May 24 17.docx](#)

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USDA is available to discuss comments and we look forward to working with OIRA on the regulatory reform effort.

Thank you

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To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: Materials for Reg Reform Briefing
Date: Monday, September 25, 2017 5:52:09 PM
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Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:59 PM
To: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>; Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rachel.Pick@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Materials for Reg Reform Briefing

Rachel & Campbell –

The materials for 3/3:30 briefing attached – memo brief on top with longer report as attachment.



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Cc: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Poe, Michael - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Smith, Mark - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Nelson, Christopher - OBPA](#); [York, Kent - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Staiert, Jim - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Preston, Warren - OCE](#); [Abbott, Linda - OCE](#)
Subject: USDA-RegAgenda-Fall2017 (10-6-2017).pdf
Date: Friday, October 06, 2017 5:42:50 PM
Attachments: [USDA-RegAgenda-Fall2017 \(10-6-2017\).pdf](#)

Please see the attached PDF file that identifies the rules that are on the 2017 Fall Reg Agenda, those actions that will be withdrawn, and the inactive list. For rules on the agenda, there are estimated completion dates. We need to (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative. Please note that we will have another opportunity to update the expected completion dates, but for final rules that are deregulatory actions, they need to be completed in FY 2018.

Chris Z.

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To: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Bojes, Gary - RD, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Braga, Katherine - OSEC](#)
Subject: RE: Appendix
Date: Friday, October 20, 2017 6:58:03 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

Good afternoon all,

Here is the excel file.

I also sent Katherine a summary last week.

I am available to help tomorrow, if you need.

Please let me know?

Thanks

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Subject: Appendix
Importance: High

Good Afternoon Gary,

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Thanks,

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From: Vaden, Stephen - OGC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: ESA Interagency Meeting w/ EPA: Request to Schedule Meeting
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 5:25:02 PM

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Stephen

From: Jakob, Avivah [mailto:Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>; Smith, Connie - OSEC <Connie.Smith@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>; Milhouse, Gloria <Milhouse.Gloria@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ESA Interagency Meeting w/ EPA: Request to Schedule Meeting

Good afternoon,

An invite was sent out this afternoon. Gloria Milhouse (cc'd) is in charge of scheduling on our end, please let her know if you didn't receive it. (milhouse.gloria@epa.gov)

Regards,

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
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Cc: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>; Smith, Connie - OSEC <Connie.Smith@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: ESA Interagency Meeting w/ EPA: Request to Schedule Meeting

Thank for the outreach. I am happy to initiate the scheduling at USDA. Please let me know what dates are under consideration.

Rebeckah Adcock

Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jun 2, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

My name is Avivah Jakob and I work at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a special assistant in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. EPA would like to schedule an interagency meeting with the Department of Commerce, Department of Interior, and Department of Agriculture, to discuss potential endangered species act implementation improvements. To schedule the meeting, please let me know if there is a specific USDA point of contact I can work with to schedule this meeting.

USDA Invitees

Rebeckah Adcock

Sheryl Kunickis

Stephen Vaden

Meeting Date: Mid-June (after 6/15)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Avivah Jakob

Acting Special Assistant

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

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Cc: [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:52:58 PM
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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

I've revised the paper (attached here as version 005) (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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Please let me know if you need anything more.

thanks,

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Will send you briefing doc as FYI as soon as complete.

Thanks, Reb

From: Perry, Andrew - OBPA
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:50 AM
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Thanks,
andrew

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Another thought – (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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Thanks,
Reb

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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Good morning,

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I'm here and ready to make changes in advance of the 3 o'clock briefing.

Thanks

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Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:55 PM
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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

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Subject: RE: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Hi Tim,

I have attached two documents for you: (1) an updated list of people nominated to the Regulatory Task Force, and (2) a table containing due dates from the various Executive Orders and related guidance documents on Regulatory Reform.

Note that we have two items due immediately: (1) the report from the Regulatory Reform Task Force to the Secretary required by Section 2(g) of EO 13777, and (2) the plan for complying with the regulatory review requirement in subsection (a) of EO 13783 that was due to OMB last Friday.

Note that after the plan for complying with the regulatory review requirement in EO 13783 is submitted to OMB we are to prepare a report with our recommendations for achieving the goals of EO 13783. The draft report is due to OMB on July 26, 2017 and the final submission is due September 24, 2017.

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Thanks,
andrew

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Cc: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: Regulatory Reform Task Force

OBPA—

FYI, Tim Page is now helping me out on reg reform here in OSEC, so feel free to work with either or both of us as appropriate to keep things moving quickly and steadily on the effort. Tim is cc'd here.

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Subject: FW: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force

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From: Cullo, Diane - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:10 AM
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Subject: Recommendations: Regulatory Reform Task Force

Rebeckah:

My recommendations for participants on the Task Force are:

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Thank you.

Diane



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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: USDA Plan for Section 2 of Executive Order 13783, "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth"
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:56:19 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Review OSEC OMB Report from UDSA May 24 17.docx](#)

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Cc: [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Shea, Kevin - APHIS](#); [Gregoire, Michael C - APHIS](#)
Subject: policy briefs for Tuesday's 2 p.m policy time
Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 12:13:17 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED]

Hi Campbell –

Here are the policy briefing papers for tomorrow's policy time with the Secretary.

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Please don't hesitate to let me know if there is any other information we can provide.

Cheers,

Beth

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To: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Fwd: (b) (5)
Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 12:43:27 PM
Attachments: [Voices of Rural America 9-18 lpm review.docx](#)
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Cc: "Beyerhelm, Chris - FSA, Washington, DC"
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 <Dana.Richey@wdc.usda.gov>
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Hey Gary,

This document you sent over is informative – and really exciting! I haven't had a chance to review it with Chris yet, but there are some (b) (5) Deliberative

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I've shared our discussion on timing with Chris, and this document.

Thanks for the opportunity to see and incorporate these!

Sincerely,

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Importance: High



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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Why It's Time to Stop Punishing Our Soils with Fertilizers - Yale E360
Date: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 7:18:03 PM

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On Sep 6, 2017, at 6:10 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
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To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Why It's Time to Stop Punishing Our Soils with Fertilizers - Yale E360

Rebeckah,
Amazing. The link to full article is below about this ARS researcher. This is a section of the story. Really?!

The soil health movement has been in the news lately, and among its leading proponents is U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) researcher Rick Haney. In a world where government agencies and agribusiness have long pursued the holy grail of maximum crop yield, Haney preaches a different message: The quest for ever-greater productivity — using fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and whatever other chemicals are at hand — is killing our soil and threatening our farms.

e360: What about pesticides — do they harm the biological activity in the soil?

Haney: Yes, it's like **chemotherapy for cancer:** It's not targeted, it just kills everything. Something similar happens in the soil when we use fungicides and pesticides. Pesticides kill the good bugs as well as the bad bugs. Fungicides kill all the fungi in the soil, including the helpful ones. But fungi are absolutely essential. We need to bring the fungi back, not kill them off. If you go into a forest, which contains some of the most fertile soils you will ever see, peel the leaf matter back and you will see fungi everywhere.

e360: Our efforts to control nature often backfire.

Haney: Our approach is to manipulate what's happening out there by plowing

and adding lots of chemicals. Nature is always going to win in the end. We can come up with these things to kill this weed or this insect, but eventually you need to come up with something different because nature is going to find a way around that. Look at the resistance that weeds are developing to Roundup [the herbicide glyphosate] now.

The usual program is, “Let’s kill everything and grow what we want,” instead of, “Let’s grow a lot of different things to help grow what we want more efficiently.” That’s a very different mindset. We need to work with the natural system instead of trying to fight against it.

<http://e360.yale.edu/features/why-its-time-to-stop-punishing-our-soils-with-fertilizers-and-chemicals>

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Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: For AG Feed group - RRTF Recommendations Summary v2.docx
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Lauren:

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Please provide me your input and I will work to finalize tomorrow after I get agency submissions.

Thanks,

Chris Z.

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[RebuildRural Letter Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity 9.13.17.pdf](#)
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Subject: Rebuild Rural comment letter: Interagency Task Force on Agriculture & Rural Prosperity
Importance: High

Anne et al,

Greetings – Please find the attached REBUILD RURAL comment letter (September 13) addressed to Secretary Perdue in his capacity as Chairman of the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in reviewing and we look forward to working with you all on these and related rural initiatives over the coming months ahead. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to be in touch.

Thanks again.

Regards, Robbie



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On Sep 14, 2017, at 11:27 AM, Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
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Bare with us. We are almost done.

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Cc: [Ed Ruckert](#)
Subject: MCFA Technical Committee Meeting -- August 10, 2017
Date: Friday, July 07, 2017 9:48:45 AM
Attachments: [MCFA Agenda -- 08102017.docx](#)

Rebeckah,

I have attached the draft agenda for our MCFA meeting on Thursday August 10 in DC. We would like to offer you an opportunity to meet with us to discuss the efforts USDA is making to enhance the Departments interactions with EPA (specifically OPP) as they make regulatory decisions that impact the Specialty Crop Industry. We will accommodate your schedule and will make agenda modifications as necessary – I would like to offer a slot earlier in the day if your schedule will allow. We are especially interested in a process related discussion on how to make the best information available to you and the Department as the statutory driven regulatory process moves forward.

Let me know what you think and I will revise the agenda accordingly.

Dan

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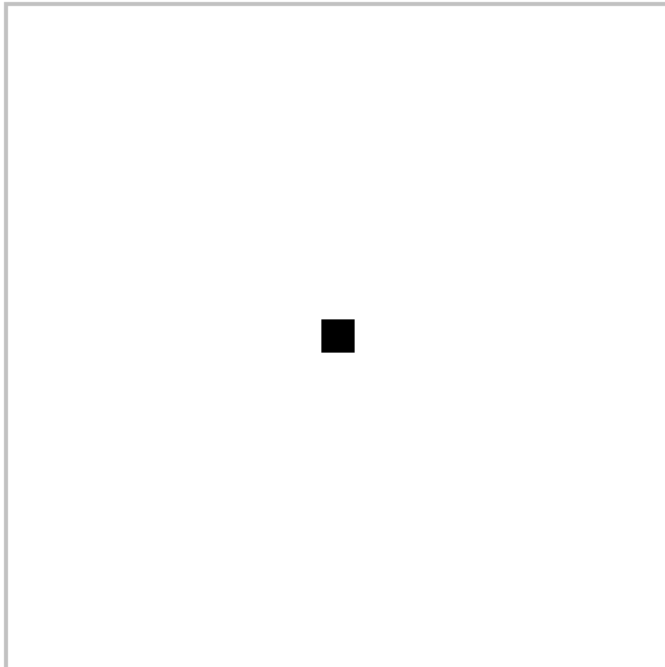
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To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Domesle, Alexander - ARS](#); [Abbott, Linda - OCE](#)
Subject: ESA bills - hearing on Wed
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:17:05 AM

ENDANGERED SPECIES
House panel to review ESA bills
Michael Doyle, E&E News reporter
Published: Monday, July 17, 2017



House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah) is moving forward with several bills related to endangered species. House Natural Resources Committee /YouTube

The Endangered Species Act will come in for a spanking and a possible face-lift Wednesday as the House Natural Resources Committee holds a hearing on five ESA-related bills.

Authored by four Republicans and one rural Democrat, the individual measures pick away at several pieces of the 1973 law that's outlasted many previous congressional forays.

This year's ESA skeptics aren't yet going for a wholesale repeal-and-replace effort.

Instead, the bills being reviewed Wednesday morning target specific areas that range from lowering lawyers' fees and excluding non-native

species from protections to requiring that cost be taken into account in listing decisions. Together, the bills reflect widespread antipathy among conservatives toward the law.

"It's terribly flawed," Rep. Rob Bishop, the Utah Republican who chairs the Natural Resources Committee, said in an interview.

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Bishop added that he is still in the information-gathering stage, sorting through options for revising the law.

"If the Republican approach is 'my way or the highway,' then I don't think they'll be able to get Democratic support," Rep. Jim Costa (D-Calif.), a member of the committee, said in an interview, adding that "a constructive approach on a bipartisan basis" works best.

The bills under review Wednesday are short; none is longer than four pages. In their own way, though, they could be far-reaching. A measure by Rep. Pete Olson (R-Texas) to take cost into account in ESA listing decisions, for instance, would reverse a cost-blind federal practice that has previously been upheld by the Supreme Court.

The Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries would be allowed to decline to list species due to economic impacts under Olson's bill. Currently, the federal agencies take cost into account when designating critical habitat for a listed species.

The bills include:

- [H.R. 1274](#), from Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.), to require making available to states affected by ESA determinations all data used in the federal decisionmaking, and to ensure use of state, local and tribal data.
- [H.R. 2603](#), from Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas), to provide that non-native species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered or threatened under the ESA.
- [H.R. 3131](#), from Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-Mich.), to adjust the hourly rates awarded to lawyers in ESA-related litigation.
- [H.R. 424](#), from Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), to require the Interior Department to reissue final rules to delist the gray wolf as a protected species in the western Great Lakes and Wyoming.
- [H.R. 717](#), from Olson, to require review of the economic cost of adding a species as endangered or threatened, and removing certain listing deadlines that have been the focus of litigation.

Schedule: The hearing is Wednesday, July 19, at 10 a.m. in 1324 Longworth.

Witnesses: Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar; Fish and Wildlife Service Deputy Director Greg Sheehan; David Willms, policy director for Republican Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead; and attorney Kent Holsinger of Denver.

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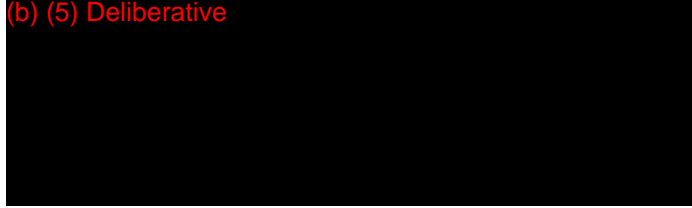
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Subject: FW: Regulatory Oversight Committee -

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 6:18:15 PM

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Good evening. As promised here are the materials for the meeting tomorrow. Have a great evening.



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Cc: [Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: USDA Comments on Carbaryl Draft Human Health Risk Assessment
Date: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:52:57 AM
Attachments: [USDA Comments on Carbaryl Draft HHRA DE 10 31 Final - OSEC edits 11 2 17.docx](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 8:35 PM
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Subject: USDA Comments on Carbaryl Draft Human Health Risk Assessment

Good Evening,

We have drafted comments in response to EPA's Draft Human Health Risk Assessment for carbaryl (attached). Comments are due on November 2. As I briefly mentioned when we met, the Office of Pest Management Policy handles "all things pesticides" and, as the Director, I work under your direction.

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Regarding the carbaryl comments - (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative

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I haven't eaten much..any..lately!

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. Glad to discuss noting I am at EPA tomorrow and Thursday until noon.

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. I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Cheers,
Sheryl

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Domesle, Alexander - ARS](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: If the Endangered Species Act Doesn't Adapt, It Will Go Extinct | American Council on Science and Health
Date: Friday, November 03, 2017 8:42:09 AM

Good points we know too well!

<https://www.acsh.org/news/2017/10/19/if-endangered-species-act-doesnt-adapt-it-will-go-extinct-11985>

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To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Monarch Butterfly and ESA Section 7 Conference CRP
Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 11:06:26 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[MonarchCollaborative-Sec7Conf-Letter-Final.docx](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)

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Sheryl

Subject: Monarch Butterfly and ESA Section 7 Conference CRP

Dear Sheryl: You may be aware of [Keystone's Monarch Collaborative](#), a joint effort of academia, business, conservation organizations, farm groups and federal agencies convened by Keystone to expand and enhance habitat for a sustainable monarch population.

We wanted to share an advance copy of the attached letter Keystone, on behalf of members of the Monarch Collaborative, is sending to Secretary Perdue. Members of the Monarch Collaborative are requesting that the Farm Services Agency (FSA) and US Fish and Wildlife Service utilize section 7 conference authority under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to evaluate conservation actions for the monarch butterfly through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), thereby improving monarch habitat on CRP land while also offering ESA predictability for CRP participants. We note that a Conference Report on implementation of monarch conservation practices through Natural Resources Conservation Service programs was completed in December 2016.

With the June 2019 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decision pending on whether the monarch and habitats that sustain it will require federal protection under the Endangered Species Act, the role of private lands programs in supporting farmers conservation measures is a matter of urgent concern. As we know you would agree, farmers are traditional stewards of the land and are uniquely situated to establish and expand monarch habitat on a large scale to help restore monarch populations to their historical levels. ESA predictability (ostensibly provided via the FSA conference report) would provide participants long term clarity that they are in compliance with the ESA if and when the monarch is listed under the ESA.

We would appreciate any support you would provide in highlighting the importance of this request to Secretary Perdue and Acting Administer Beyerhelm.

I am available to discuss further or answer any questions if it would be helpful.

Best regards,

Suzan

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
 To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
 Subject: We both made the press today - I am now a "spokeswoman" HA!
 Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 1:31:51 PM

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Former agribusiness lobbyist oversees USDA rule rollbacks

[Maxine Joselow](#), E&E News reporter

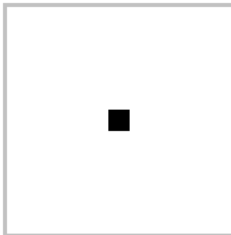
Published Wednesday, November 8, 2017

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A former agribusiness lobbyist is leading the Department of Agriculture's regulatory reform efforts.

Rebeckah Adcock, who previously worked for the American Farm Bureau Federation and CropLife America, is at the helm of the department's regulatory reform task force.

President Trump's [executive order](#) in February directed agencies to set up panels to target regulations for repeal, revision or replacement ([Greenwire](#), Feb. 24).



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A senior adviser to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, Adcock was appointed the panel's regulatory reform officer, according to a *Federal Register* [notice](#).

Congressional Democrats have accused U.S. EPA's task force of lacking transparency, and there are similar issues with USDA's panel ([Greenwire](#), Oct. 23).

USDA hasn't disclosed names of other panel members. And it's unclear which stakeholders are being consulted and which regulations have been identified for revision or repeal.

Lori Ann Burd, environmental health director with the Center for Biological Diversity, expressed concern that Adcock would cater to agribusiness interests at the expense of public health and the environment.

"We just see USDA very aggressively pursuing the interests of Big Ag and pesticide companies," Burd said. "It's very hard to believe that someone who has devoted her career to advocating for the regulated industry could just change pace and become an open-minded advocate for the interests of the American people at large."

USDA didn't return multiple emailed requests for an opportunity to interview Adcock, the names of panel members and other information about the review.

While little is known about her work at USDA, Adcock has extensive experience as an agribusiness lobbyist.

From 2010 until earlier this year, she was senior director of government affairs at CropLife America, a trade group for pesticide manufacturers, according to her [LinkedIn profile](#).

CropLife America spent nearly \$845,000 on lobbying in the first quarter of this year, including on the reauthorization of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act (PRIA), [H.R. 1029](#), which would extend EPA's fee system for pesticide registration. The House passed the bill in March, and the Senate Agriculture Committee approve the measure in June ([Greenwire](#), June 29).

Beau Greenwood, CropLife America's executive vice president, praised Adcock.

"I'm very proud of the work that Rebeckah Adcock did at CropLife America and the work that she's doing now serving the president," Greenwood said. "Rebeckah Adcock has the highest integrity of anybody I've ever worked with."

Greenwood also expressed frustration with the pace at which the pesticide registration bill was moving through Congress.

"When PRIA was reauthorized in 2007 and 2012, it passed the Senate by unanimous consent. This should be low-hanging fruit," he said. "Unfortunately, this time around there are Democratic holds on the bill, and we're having to work our way through a number of extraneous policy matters directly or indirectly related to EPA's regulation of pesticides."

Adcock also previously chaired the Pesticide Policy Coalition, whose membership includes pesticide manufacturers. In that role, she circulated a press release praising EPA's decision not to ban the insecticide chlorpyrifos, according to [emails](#) obtained by *The New York Times* through a Freedom of Information Act request.

"We need to provide regulatory certainty to the thousands of American farmers that rely on" the insecticide, the press release stated.

Sheryl Kunickis, director of USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy, responded to Adcock's email containing the press release, "Thank you! It is a great week for our growers and the decision is much appreciated."

USDA's 'outsized role' on pesticides

Burd, of the Center for Biological Diversity, said she worries that Adcock will exert influence over EPA's pesticide rules from her post at USDA.

"USDA is seemingly playing a pretty outsized role in EPA decisionmaking," Burd said.

As an example, Burd cited the press release announcing EPA's reversal of the ban on chlorpyrifos, which quoted Kunickis of USDA. "It's pretty unusual that an EPA press release would have a USDA spokeswoman on the press release and pretty telling of how much influence they have," Burd said.

EPA declined to comment for this story.

Since coming to USDA in April, Adcock has weighed in on EPA's pesticide policies during at least one meeting with industry.

In May, Adcock met with several executives from the Southern Crop Production Association to discuss the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), according to the trade group's [news release](#).

USDA was originally tasked with enforcing FIFRA, which governs the registration and sale of pesticides. But that responsibility was transferred to EPA in 1970.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included "pesticide permitting near water" and PRIA, according to the news release.

"Rebeckah has an exceptional understanding regarding the many issues facing agriculture due, in large part, to her previous position" with CropLife America, the news release stated.

E&E News has submitted a FOIA request for information about other stakeholders Adcock has consulted on USDA's regulatory reform efforts. That request is pending as the agency wades through a backlog.

"We had an 80 percent increase in the number of FOIAs this fiscal year," Christine Jordan, a contractor supporting the department's FOIA office, told E&E News yesterday. "We're really, really behind."

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
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Subject: 2017 Fall Reg Agenda -- Policy Significant
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Subject: FW: New important natural resources packet is being sent to Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and you.
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:18:09 PM
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[170525 JGAC draft on reorganization of exec branch FINAL 2 7-6-17.doc](#)
[170713 updated White Paper FINAL 7-13-17.docx](#)

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Best,

Robyn Whitney

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Subject: FW: New important natural resources packet is being sent to Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and you.

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Doug Crandall

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary

Office of Congressional Relations



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From: Bill Dennison [mailto:(b)(5) pre-decisional/ d lib ti]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:07 AM
To: Lisa Mara <lisa.mara@mail.house.gov>
Subject: New important natural resources packet is being sent to Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and you.

To: Congressman Doug LaMalfa and many others:
The Joint Governmental Affairs Committee (JGAC) and California Forestry Association (CFA) have developed a response, as requested, in President Trump's (4/25/2017) Executive Order on Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America. (**) Many of our comments and recommendations were developed in our January 1/20/17 (updated 7/13/17) JGAC White Paper "America's Forest Health Crisis" and forwarded to some of you.

Thank you for your consideration of the attachments below:

- a) JGAC Cover Letter
- b) Response to President Trump's (4/25/17) Executive Order
- c) Updated White Paper "America's Forest Health Crisis."

We respectfully request that each of you read, comment and forward the packet below to everyone who may be interested in joining the efforts to improve the management of our national forests.

Thank you.

Bill Dennison

Retired, Former:
President/CEO, California Forestry Association
Supervisor, Plumas County, California
California Registered Professional Forester #926.

** For details of President Trump's Executive Order, please go to:
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/04/presidential>
Comments will be received until November.

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Mike - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Action Required: Important Information and Question for PPDC Meeting May 3-4
Date: Monday, May 01, 2017 8:36:02 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Talking Points for PPDC.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)

Good Evening,

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Cheers,
Sheryl

From: [Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Bryan Tolar](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Hazlett, Anne - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Whitley, Daniel - FAS](#)
Subject: Georgia Agribusiness Council
Attachments: [2017 Ag Issues Summary.pdf](#)
[2017 Georgia Agribusiness Council Attendees .pdf](#)

Please see the added attachments for Wednesday's meeting. – Added on 7/10/17.

Thank you,
Rachel

All – Bryan Tolar provided me with the following information relating to this meeting scheduled for 7/12.

Thank you,
Rachel

We are working on an issues summary document that we will send in advance of our meeting. It is in process, but here are the major points, all of which impact the viability of rural communities:

1. **TRADE:** Advancing and protecting trade opportunities for agriculture and forestry are critical for Georgia. Dairy is an example of a sector that relies on export markets for some products, but also produces products that cannot be exported, such as fluid milk. A strong export market helps ensure vibrant domestic markets and we need both aspects working together for a sustainable future for our industry. Support for respective trade agreements that have broad benefits to agriculture and forestry is much needed and appreciated.
2. **LABOR:** We ask that you help advance improvements to the H-2A and H-2B programs, as well as accountability in the administering of these programs the Department of Labor and Department of Homeland Security. Our industries depend on a viable workforce that is increasingly difficult to obtain without these programs.
3. **CROP PROTECTION:** We are grateful for actions taken to repeal the WOTUS regulations and ask for support on other such issues impacting ag and forestry. Repealing the NPDES permit mandate, advancing PRIA-4, and monitoring the actions of EPA, US Fish & Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries Service to provide for Endangered Species Act improvements are all needed for our industry.

From: Masker, Stephanie - OGC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Preston, Warren - OCE](#); [Ricci, Carrie - OGC](#); [Dinh, Mai - OGC](#); [Summers, Bruce - AMS](#); [Neal, Arthur - AMS](#)
Cc: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Carrington, Karen - OGC](#)
Bcc: [Masker, Stephanie - OGC](#)
Subject: Regulatory Oversight Committee Meeting Agenda
Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 4:43:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Good afternoon –

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Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,
Stephanie



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Cc: [Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Mabry, Brian - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: They didn't waste any time.
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:39:47 PM

Center for Biological Diversity



For Immediate Release, May 11, 2017

Contact: Brett Hartl, (202) 817-8121, bhartl@biologicaldiversity.org

Agriculture Department Official Misleads Senate Over Pesticides, Endangered Species
WASHINGTON— A top U.S. Department of Agriculture official advocating for fewer pesticide regulations misled the Senate Agriculture Committee today over the need for, and reliability of, the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to protect endangered species from pesticides.

Sheryl Kunickis, the USDA's director of the Office of Pest Management Policy, stated that protecting endangered species from pesticides was duplicative and that impacts to

protected species could be adequately addressed under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Her assertion ignores the fact that the EPA has systemically failed to protect endangered species under that law for the past 30 years. “Sheryl Kunickis and the USDA seem more concerned about protecting the profits of the pesticide industry than protecting people and wildlife from exposure to pesticides,” said Brett Hartl, government affairs director at the Center for Biological Diversity. “The USDA is supposed to be a champion of safe farming practices that protect our food supply, farm workers and environment. But it appears that the only thing that they care about is protecting giant corporations like Dow Chemical. That’s a disgrace.”

Today’s hearing in the Senate Agriculture Committee is focused on the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act, a non-controversial piece of legislation designed to improve the process of reviewing new and existing pesticides. Rather than focusing on the merits of the Act, the USDA chose to spread misinformation and undercut sensible environmental measures guiding the use of some of the most toxic pesticides remaining on the market.

Last month Dow Chemical [secretly](#) requested that the EPA abandon legally mandated efforts to protect endangered species from chlorpyrifos and two other highly toxic insecticides, diazinon and malathion. The request came after four agencies in the federal government — the EPA, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture — invested four years assessing the pesticides’ impacts on imperiled species. The agencies have repeatedly met with [stakeholders](#), including Dow and the USDA, and provided multiple opportunities for public comment.

“The USDA is completely out of touch with reality if it thinks that these three, antiquated pesticides are safe, and that we should just stick our heads in the sand so that the pesticide industry can maintain the status quo,” said Hartl. “The Office of Pest Management Policy and Sheryl Kunickis are nothing more than puppets of industry.”

The EPA’s final biological evaluations, supported by more than 10,000 pages of scientific documentation, determined that chlorpyrifos and malathion are likely to harm 97 percent of endangered species nationwide, while diazinon was found to harm 79 percent of protected species.

In a stunning about-face, the Trump administration recently decided to scrap a long-awaited ban on the [brain-damaging](#) pesticide chlorpyrifos. Around 5 million pounds of chlorpyrifos are used in the United States every year on crops like corn, peanuts, plums and wheat. A recent study at the University of California at Berkeley [found](#) that 87 percent of umbilical-cord blood samples tested had detectable levels of chlorpyrifos.

The Center for Biological Diversity is a national, nonprofit conservation organization with more than 1.3 million members and online activists dedicated to the protection of endangered species and wild places.

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To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: DELIBERATIVE - (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 11:28:13 AM

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From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OSEC, Washington, DC <robert.johansson@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Brown, Shirley - OCE <SBrown@oce.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: DELIBERATIVE - (b) (5) Deliberative

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 10:26 AM
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Thanks
 Chris Z.

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Jim

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Subject: RE: DELIBERATIVE - (b) (5) Deliberative

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 8:18 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: DELIBERATIVE - (b) (5) Deliberative


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To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)
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Chris Z.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 10:42 AM

To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>

Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>

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Chris and Andrew –

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: MRL database FAS
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:20:17 PM

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Sheryl

From: Prandoni, Christopher D. EOP/CEQ
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 5:31 PM
To: Prandoni, Christopher D. EOP/CEQ; Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC; Richard, Keigwin; Echeverria.Marietta@epa.gov; Perlis.Robert@epa.gov; dyner.mark@epa.gov; Jakob, Avivah; pease.anita@epa.gov; Bennett, Tate; Baptist.Erik@epa.gov; Greenwalt.Sarah@epa.gov; Schwab.Justin@epa.gov; Dravis.Samantha@epa.gov; Bolen.Birttany@epa.gov; Louise, Wise; Erik Noble - NOAA Federal; Chris Oliver - NOAA Federal; Uthmeier, James (Federal); Milhouse, Gloria; Marshall, Venus; Vaden, Stephen - OGC; Roslyn_Sellars@FWS.gov; greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov
Subject: Fwd: Biological opinion update
When: Friday, July 28, 2017 3:00 PM-4:00 PM.
Where: 730 Jackson Place

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Begin forwarded message:

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 "Perlis.Robert@epa.gov" <Perlis.Robert@epa.gov>,
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 <greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov>

Subject: Biological opinion update

Feel free to forward to others in your offices.

I will update the invite with call-in information sometime next week.
 In the meantime, feel free to call me at (b) (6) if anything comes up.

Below is my original invite:

Hey everyone,

If I don't already know you, my name is Chris Prandoni and I am the Associate Director for Natural Resources over here at CEQ. Included on this email are EPA, FWS, Commerce, and USDA representatives. Since there are a lot of new faces in town, myself included, I have spoken to either you or someone else at your agency about

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The idea would be for FWS and NMFS to take about 20 minutes each to explain the status of their opinions and then open it up for questions. I know this is a quick turnaround, but ideally we could all

get together at CEQ's office in Jackson Place 730 next Tuesday (7/25) or Wednesday (7/26). If you are unsure about whom within your agency to invite to this meeting, there should be someone from your agency copied on this email who can help you identify the correct people to coordinate with.

Since there are a lot of moving parts, whenever an agency identifies a window that works for their team, feel free to propose that time or window to the group. Of course feel free to call me with any questions you may have. My direct is (b) (6)

Thank you very much; look forward to working with all of you.

Chris

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:13:06 PM
To: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Subject: Re: MRL database FAS

I don't have notice of ESA meeting. Can you forward what you received?

Rebeckah Adcock

Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

> On Jul 26, 2017, at 3:56 PM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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> Let me know what works for you.

> Sheryl

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On Jul 26, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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>> Indeed, nonstop. I was just getting ready to send u a note re 4:30 today opening but let's shoot for tomorrow or Friday?

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>> Rebeckah Adcock

>> Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

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>>> On Jul 26, 2017, at 2:43 PM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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>>> My guess is your day turned out like mine. A local bar might be a better meeting place - kidding. Let me know if you will have time to meet before 4pm. Otherwise, we can punt to tomorrow or Friday.

>>> Cheers,

>>> Sheryl

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>>> Sent from my iPad

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>>>> On Jul 26, 2017, at 8:13 AM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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>>>> I think this after noon will confirm soon

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>>>> Rebeckah Adcock

>>>> Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

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>>>>> On Jul 26, 2017, at 8:02 AM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

>>>>>

>>>>> Do you have time to meet today? Glad to meet for coffee, lunch, or just meet. I realize your time is limited! :)

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>>>>>> On Jul 25, 2017, at 6:39 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> I have spoken with them. We can talk

>>>>>>

>>>>>> Rebeckah Adcock

>>>>>> Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

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>>>>>>> On Jul 25, 2017, at 5:21 PM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative I am glad to support work that helps growers since I have so little time to get it obligated.

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>>>>>>> On Jul 25, 2017, at 5:05 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

<Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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>>>> I spoke with them re options. Are they

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>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>>>>> From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC

>>>>>>> Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:04 PM

>>>>>>> To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

>>>>>>> Subject: MRL database FAS

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>>>>>>> Do they have

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We probably need to have lunch.

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From: Tobin, Andrew - OE
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Draft for your review
Date: Friday, April 28, 2017 12:48:35 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

Rebeckah,

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Andrew

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
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To: Tobin, Andrew - OE <Andrew.Tobin@oe.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft for your review

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Tobin, Andrew - OE <Andrew.Tobin@oe.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft for your review

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From: Tobin, Andrew - OE
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Draft for your review

Rebeckah,


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I’m available to discuss if you have any questions whatsoever. Have a great day.

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From: Fountain, Matt - RD, Washington, DC
To: [Colosimo, Robyn S CIV USARMY HQDA ASA CW \(US\)](#); [Smith, Charles R CIV \(US\)](#); [Darwin, Henry](#); [Herrgott, Alex H, EOP/CEO](#); catherine_gulac@ios.doi.gov; [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Harkins, Michael W, EOP/CEO](#); [Gordon, Julie - OSEC](#); gerald.solomon@dot.gov; [Gaffneysmith, Margaret E CIV \(US\)](#); [Matusiak, Mark CIV USARMY CEHQ \(US\)](#); [Owens, Kelsey - RD, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: _Draft_Predcisional_ (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 4:41:57 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

Thank you everyone for you participation and interest in the taskforce and our efforts.
As we start to get this off the ground

here are some follow up items from Monday's meeting:

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Immediately following this email I will provide a calendar invite for the introductory meeting with Toyota on the 15th

Very Respectfully,

Matthew Fountain
United States Department of Agriculture
Phone: (202) 280-9075

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Jakob, Avivah](#)
Cc: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Smith, Connie - OSEC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Milhouse, Gloria](#)
Subject: RE: ESA Interagency Meeting w/ EPA: Request to Schedule Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:34:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Received, but unfortunately, I have an unmovable conflicts at that time and nearly all day on Thurs the 15th. Pardon the ask, but would another day next week be a possibility for EPA and others?

Thank you for organizing,



Rebeckah Freeman Adcock
 Senior Advisor to the Secretary
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 United States Department of Agriculture
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From: Jakob, Avivah [mailto:Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>; Smith, Connie - OSEC <Connie.Smith@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>; Milhouse, Gloria <Milhouse.Gloria@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ESA Interagency Meeting w/ EPA: Request to Schedule Meeting

Good afternoon,

An invite was sent out this afternoon. Gloria Milhouse (cc'd) is in charge of scheduling on our end, please let her know if you didn't receive it. (milhouse.gloria@epa.gov)

Regards,

Avivah Jakob
 Acting Special Assistant
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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
 Washington, DC 20460
 Tel. (202) 564.3256

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov>
Cc: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>; Smith, Connie - OSEC <Connie.Smith@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: ESA Interagency Meeting w/ EPA: Request to Schedule Meeting

Thank for the outreach. I am happy to initiate the scheduling at USDA. Please let me know what dates are under consideration.

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jun 2, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Jakob, Avivah <Jakob.Avivah@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

My name is Avivah Jakob and I work at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a special assistant in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. EPA would like to schedule an interagency meeting with the Department of Commerce, Department of Interior, and Department of Agriculture, to discuss potential endangered species act implementation improvements. To schedule the meeting, please let me know if there is a specific USDA point of contact I can work with to schedule this meeting.

USDA Invitees
Rebeckah Adcock
Sheryl Kunickis
Stephen Vaden

Meeting Date: Mid-June (after 6/15)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Avivah Jakob
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From: Poe, Michael - OBPA
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#); [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Subject: (b) (5) Deliberative
 [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 4:19:33 PM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative
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Rebeckah,

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Mike Poe

Michael Poe

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(b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative Thanks.

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Poe, Michael - OBPA <Michael.Poe@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Abbott, Linda - OCE <LAbbott@oce.usda.gov>; Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

Mike,

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Please let me know if there are questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Sheryl

Director, USDA Office of Pest Management Policy

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 13, 2017, at 12:41 PM, Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov> wrote:

From: Poe, Michael - OBPA

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:51 AM

To: Abbott, Linda - OCE; Daly, Erin - NIFA; Krizmanich, Melanie - NIFA; Dunmore, Ruth - NIFA

Cc: Johansson, Robert - OCE

Subject: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

Please advise if you have comments by COB, tomorrow, June 14. Thanks.

Mike

Michael Poe

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From: Jones, Danielle Y. EOP/OMB [mailto:Danielle_Y_Jones@omb.eop.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 6:23 PM
To: 'DHS Reg' <dhsogcregulations@hq.dhs.gov>; 'DOD Reg Mailbox' <osd.mc-alex.odcmo.mbx.dod-reg-reviews@mail.mil>; 'DOLRegPolicy@dol.gov' <DOLRegPolicy@dol.gov>; 'Gormsen, Eric T (OLP) (JMD)' <Eric.T.Gormsen@usdoj.gov>; 'HHS' <HHSExecSec@hhs.gov>; 'Linda Wennerberg' (<linda.s.wennerberg@nasa.gov>') <linda.s.wennerberg@nasa.gov>; Underwood, Patricia M CIV (US) <patricia.m.underwood.civ@mail.mil>; 'Tabby Waqar' <tayyaba.waqar@sba.gov>; Anita Meyer <anita.k.meyer@usace.mil>; Bill Perry <perry.bill@dol.gov>; Bromberg, Kevin L. <kevin.bromberg@sba.gov>; camille.mittelholtz@dot.gov; Christina.Cody@Hq.Doe.Gov; Daniel.Cohen@hq.doe.gov; defoe.tiffany@dol.gov; 'DHS Reg' <dhsogcregulations@hq.dhs.gov>; DOD Reg Mailbox <osd.mc-alex.odcmo.mbx.dod-reg-reviews@mail.mil>; DOE Interagency Box <'gc-71energyregs@hq.doe.gov'>; DOLRegPolicy@dol.gov; dot.regulations@dot.gov; 'Gormsen, Eric T (OLP) (JMD)' <Eric.T.Gormsen@usdoj.gov>; gregory.trussell@nrc.gov; 'HHS' <HHSExecSec@hhs.gov>; james.leatherwood-1@nasa.gov; jorge.munizortiz@fsis.usda.gov; kelly.a.scanlon4.ctr@mail.mil; khatlelid@cpsc.gov; Linda Wennerberg <'linda.s.wennerberg@nasa.gov'>; mark.j.schoppet@nasa.gov; michael.kuperberg@science.doe.gov; Nidhi.Thakar@hq.doe.gov; Orfa.Torres-Jaen@NNSA.Doe.Gov; Patricia Underwood <'patricia.m.underwood.civ@mail.mil'>; patricia.toppings@whs.mil; Bennett, Patty - FSIS <Patty.Bennett@fsis.usda.gov>; Robert.Seifert@FM.Doe.Gov; Robert.Waxman@hq.doe.gov; ron.milam@hhs.gov; Russell.Pereira@hq.doe.gov; schaeffer.val@dol.gov; Sherri.Hutchens@us.army.mil; Tabby Waqar <tayyaba.waqar@sba.gov>; (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@noblis.org>; tremaine.donnell@nrc.gov; tthomas@cpsc.gov; WCTS - OBPA USDA Reg <usdareg@obpa.usda.gov>

Subject: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

Colleagues,

Attached for your review please find the EPA's draft final guidance entitled Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under

the Toxic Substances Control Act. This will be an expedited review so extensions will not be granted. Please provide me with any comments on the rule by **COB, Thursday June 15th**.

As a reminder, the attached materials are deliberative and pre-decisional and may not be shared or discussed with anyone outside of the Executive Branch. Feel free to share within your agency or department as appropriate. If you feel someone outside of your department should participate in this review, please let me know and I will forward to them. Please help us maintain the integrity of the interagency review process by respecting these process requirements.

Thanks,
Danielle

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Liu, Simon](#)
Cc: [Schroeder, Jill](#)
Subject: Re: Dicamba
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 4:43:09 PM
Attachments: [Dicamba Drift Situation 2017 August 7 17.docx](#)

Good Afternoon,

Attached is the memo on the dicamba issue. (b) (5) Deliberative

[REDACTED]

Thanks,
 Sheryl

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sheryl.kunickis@osec.usda.gov



From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 4:20:48 PM
To: Vaden, Stephen - OGC
Cc: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC; Liu, Simon; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Dicamba

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Thanks for the fast turnaround on (b) (5) Deliberative, Sheryl.

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Aug 7, 2017, at 4:07 PM, Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Sheryl. The message from Connie was about this so that there is no need to return it.

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS **On Behalf Of** Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Liu, Simon <Simon.Liu@ARS.USDA.GOV>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

<Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC
 <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>

Subject: Re: Dicamba

Good Afternoon,

(b) (5) Deliberative

All things pesticides should be directed to OPMP.

Thanks,

Sheryl

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From: Liu, Simon

Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 3:45:17 PM

To: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC

Subject: FW: Dicamba

Sheryl,

Just talked with Campbell Shuford.

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Thank you,

Simon Liu, Ph.D.
 Associate Administrator
 USDA Agricultural Research Service
Simon.liu@ars.usda.gov

From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 3:31 PM

To: Liu, Simon <Simon.Liu@ARS.USDA.GOV>
Subject: FW: Dicamba

Simon,

See below. Hopefully this email chain will provide you a bit more context as well.
 Appreciate your help in putting something together.

From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Corley, Shiela - NASS <Shiela.Corley@nass.usda.gov>
Cc: Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>; Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC <Blake.Rollins@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Dicamba

Shelia-- see the email exchange below. (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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Please give me a call with questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC"
 <Blake.Rollins@osec.usda.gov>
Date: August 7, 2017 at 2:15:53 PM EDT
To: "Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC"
 <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Dicamba

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On Aug 7, 2017, at 1:13 PM, Shuford, Campbell - OSEC,
 Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Blake-- see the note below. Can you help?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Vaden, Stephen - OGC"
 <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Date: August 7, 2017 at 2:11:41 PM EDT

To: "Shuford, Campbell - OSEC,
Washington, DC"
<Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Dicamba


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Stephen

From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington,
DC
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Vaden, Stephen - OGC
<Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Dicamba

Stephen-- (b) (5) Deliberative



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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Young, Chris - OSEC,
Washington, DC"
<Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Date: August 7, 2017 at 2:06:03
PM EDT
To: "Shuford, Campbell -
OSEC, Washington, DC"
<Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Dicamba

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Cc: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: Re: Draft Letter re Sec 7 Conference & Schedule Request
Date: Friday, August 18, 2017 2:38:52 PM

(b) (5) Thanks for heads up.

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Aug 18, 2017, at 2:12 PM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

This is for awareness only - see attached draft letter and message from Suzan Klein below. (b) (5)

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I will keep you posted.

Sheryl

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Schroeder, Jill" <Jill.Schroeder@ARS.USDA.GOV>
Date: August 18, 2017 at 1:42:07 PM EDT
To: "Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC" <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft Letter re Sec 7 Conference & Schedule Request

Fyi. I will connect to the call to hear what they have to say, provided it is when I am available.
 Jill

Sent from my Android phone using TouchDown (www.symantec.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: Suzan Klein (b) (6) <[@keystone.org](mailto:(b)(6)@keystone.org)>
Received: Friday, 18 Aug 2017, 12:36PM
To: (b) (6) <[@googlegroups.com](mailto:(b)(6)@googlegroups.com)> (b) (6) <[@googlegroups.com](mailto:(b)(6)@googlegroups.com)>
Subject: Draft Letter re Sec 7 Conference & Schedule Request

Monarch Collaborative Steering Committee: We are following up on one of the action items from last week: a discussion draft letter to FSA and USFWS recommending they initiate a section 7 conference process. The hoped-for outcome of the conference would be an agreement between the agencies (e.g. conference report) that provides long-term clarity for farmers and ranchers who implement approved conservation measures that they will be in compliance with the Endangered Species Act for their conservation actions should the species be listed.

For reference the USFWS/NRCS conference report issued in January 2017 is linked here: [conference report](#)

We would like to convene a call with steering committee members interested in discussing this draft during the week of August 28th. Please indicate your availability in this scheduling poll: <http://doodle.com/poll/pd2tdp9574ftdbuz>
 (The poll was set-up in central time with 9:00 am to 3:00 pm options; you should be able to select an alternative time zone if desired.)

Comments to the letter are welcome and encouraged in advance of the call. If your schedule does not permit you to participate, I am available to work with you offline to get your perspective and feedback.

Thanks and regards,

Suzan

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Cc: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Subject: Re: FYI/
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:54:29 PM
Attachments: [Image003.png](#)
[Image003.png](#)

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Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jul 25, 2017, at 2:02 PM, Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC <Sheryl.Kunickis@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Yes, I read this and it is too bad they are not more informed on the issue (b)(5) pre-decisional/deliberative
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From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:45:12 AM
To: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC; Abbott, Linda - OCE
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: FYI/

You probably saw this, but if not.

CHEMICALS

Dems introducing bill to ban commonly used pesticide

[Corbin Hiar](#), E&E News reporter
 Published: Tuesday, July 25, 2017



(From left to right) Democratic Sens. Tom Udall of New Mexico and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut plan to introduce legislation to ban chlorpyrifos. Preston Keres/USDA/Flickr (Udall); Vivian Felten/USDA/Flickr (Blumenthal)

A pair of Democratic lawmakers today plan to unveil a bill to ban effectively a commonly used pesticide that U.S. EPA studies have shown can interfere with the brain development of children.

Sens. Tom Udall of New Mexico and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut will unveil the "Protect Children, Farmers, Farmworkers from Nerve Agent Pesticides Act" at an event on Capitol Hill with advocates for public health organizations, labor groups and Latino communities. A neurotoxin related to sarin gas, chlorpyrifos has also been linked to lung cancer in pesticide applicators.

The full text of the legislation is embargoed until the event. But the lawmakers said in a fact sheet that it would amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos on food.

The bill would also require EPA to work with the National Research Council on a cumulative and aggregate assessment of risks chlorpyrifos and other organophosphate pesticides pose to vulnerable groups like infants, children and farmworkers. The agency would then be required to restrict the use of any other pesticides it found were unsafe.

Indoor applications of chlorpyrifos, once commonly used in residential buildings and on lawns and gardens, were banned in 2000 due to the threat they posed to babies and kids.

Sold by Dow AgroSciences LLC under the brand name Lorsban, the compound is applied to more than half of the apples and broccoli grown in the United States, according to agriculture industry groups.

Citing dozens of health studies on chlorpyrifos, the Obama administration's EPA proposed a full ban in 2015.

However, as the agency faced a court-ordered March 31 deadline to make a final decision, Administrator Scott Pruitt decided to continue evaluating the risks posed by the compound until 2022. The move was celebrated by Dow and agriculture interests.

"By reversing the previous Administration's steps to ban one of the most widely used pesticides in the world, we are returning to using sound science in decision-making — rather than predetermined results," Pruitt said in a statement at the time ([Greenwire](#), March 30).

Pediatricians disagree with the administrator and urged him last month to reconsider his decision.

"The risk to infant and children's health and development is unambiguous," the American Academy of Pediatrics said in a letter to Pruitt ([Greenwire](#), June 27).



Robert Johansson

Chief Economist & Acting Deputy Under Secretary FPAC

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: Re: Please advise
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:06:32 AM

I thought that might be the case. Stephen, I will send a separate message.
Thanks, Rebeckah!
Sheryl

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 1, 2017, at 11:03 AM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

(b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED] Good Luck.
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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Please advise

Rebeckah,

(b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED]

Thanks,
Sheryl

Sent from my iPad

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Poe, Michael - OBPA](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#); [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Monday, June 19, 2017 2:29:19 PM

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Thanks.

Mike Poe

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
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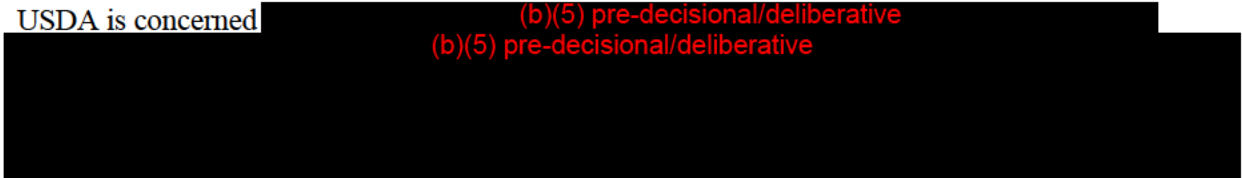
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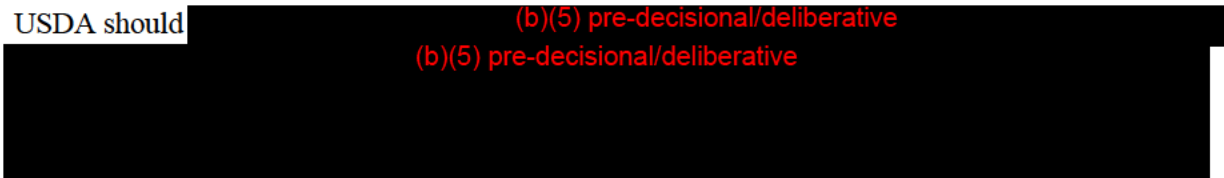


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Please let me know if there are questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Sheryl

Director, USDA Office of Pest Management Policy

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On Jun 13, 2017, at 12:41 PM, Johansson, Robert - OCE <RJohansson@oce.usda.gov> wrote:

From: Poe, Michael - OBPA
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Abbott, Linda - OCE; Daly, Erin - NIFA; Krizmanich, Melanie - NIFA; Dunmore, Ruth - NIFA
Cc: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Subject: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

Please advise if you have comments by COB, tomorrow, June 14. Thanks.

Mike

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Subject: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

Colleagues,

Attached for your review please find the EPA's draft final guidance entitled Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act. This will be an expedited review so extensions will not be granted. Please provide me with any comments on the rule by **COB, Thursday June 15th**.

As a reminder, the attached materials are deliberative and pre-decisional and may not be shared or discussed with anyone outside of the Executive Branch. Feel free to share within your agency or department as appropriate. If you feel someone outside of your department should participate in this review, please let me know and I will forward to them. Please help us maintain the integrity of the interagency review process by respecting these process requirements.

Thanks,
Danielle

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I will bring hard copy for his desk, but please send him an electronic version, too.

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)
Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 8:12:13 AM
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Good Morning,

Attached is the document with responses to comments in the margins. THIS IS FOR YOUR REVIEW ONLY (b) (5) Deliberative

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I am heading to a meeting with grower groups near Union Station and will return after lunch. (b) (5) Deliberative

We can easily

readjust the testimony.

Thanks,

Sheryl

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 9:04:34 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; Vaden, Stephen - OGC; Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC; Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Fwd: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)

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Subject: Re: PASSBACK on [EHF-115-42] AGRICULTURE Testimony on Pesticide Registration under FIFRA: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through PRIA (HR1029 Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017)

FYI Interior just confirmed that deletion of the ESA paragraph was a policy level comment.

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On May 8, 2017, at 7:19 PM, Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Thanks. We are reviewing.

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On May 8, 2017, at 6:11 PM, Fitter, E. Holly H. EOP/OMB
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Here is the passback which has been reviewed at a policy level by OMB. Please provide a revised clean copy and if necessary a redline explanatory copy addressing any edits not accepted.

Please call me if you have any questions on what is needed. Thanks.
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Thanks,
 Sheryl

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See attached.

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Let me know if you need more!
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All,

Here is the passback from OMB. Please quickly review and let me know if you have any final thoughts. OMB gave us a deadline of 11:30 if there is anything else we would like to change. I have told the Committee to expect this mid-day, so we'll need to get moving on this.

Thanks,

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Here is the PASSBACK that includes: (1) the EPA and DOJ edits **that USDA said that it has agreed to; and (2) the revised ESA paragraph**, which has been edited by OMB to try to address everyone's equities.

USDA: Once you have confirmed that you are accepting all edits – by providing a final clean copy -- I will clear.

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Everyone: Unless you advise by 11:30 AM this morning, I will assume that there are no outstanding issues.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Subject: RE: Posts from B&C for 06/30/2017
Date: Monday, July 03, 2017 10:20:44 AM

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See article. This is a big issue

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In the 06/30/2017 edition:

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[EPA Updates Literature Review and FQPA Determination](#)

By Anonymous on Jun 30, 2017 02:53 pm

By [Lisa M. Campbell](#), [Timothy D. Backstrom](#), and [James V. Aidala](#)

A noteworthy development in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ongoing and controversial consideration of the potential use of epidemiological data

in its pesticide risk assessments occurred on May 25, 2017, when EPA placed in the public dockets for certain organophosphate (OP) pesticides an “update” of the September 15, 2015, Literature Review and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) determination, along with a response to comments on the original document. These documents were signed by EPA scientists on December 29, 2016, prior to the new Administration, but were placed in the docket only last month, under the new Administration. The documents attempt to rebut the various criticisms of EPA’s assessment of the epidemiology studies for chlorpyrifos and the original FQPA safety factor determination for OP pesticides, and they reaffirm the policy embodied in the original Literature Review. Because these new documents were signed in the last days of the Obama Administration, they may be viewed by some industry stakeholders as an effort by some at EPA to “lock in” the prior policy concerning OP pesticides.

The public release of the “updated” Literature Review and response to comments must be considered in the context of the ongoing chlorpyrifos battles that have received significant public attention. During the five months between the date that these “update” documents were signed and the date that EPA placed them in the public docket, EPA Administrator Pruitt issued a decision on March 29, 2017, to deny the petition filed by the Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA) and the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) requesting that EPA revoke all tolerances and cancel all registrations for chlorpyrifos products. See [EPA Denies Petition to Ban Chlorpyrifos](#). In his denial decision, Administrator Pruitt concluded it would be appropriate for EPA to defer determining whether chlorpyrifos is likely to cause neurodevelopmental effects at exposure levels below the levels that cause acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibition until the completion of the registration review process for chlorpyrifos. Administrator Pruitt based his decision on the premise that “the science addressing neurodevelopmental effects remains unresolved” and that “significant uncertainty ... exists regarding the potential for chlorpyrifos to cause adverse neurodevelopmental effects.”

Some industry stakeholders may argue that the decision by the EPA scientists who prepared the “updated” Literature Review which concluded that EPA should retain the 10X FQPA uncertainty factor for OP pesticides can be reconciled with Administrator Pruitt’s subsequent denial decision, because the “updated” FQPA safety factor determination does not preclude further scientific discussion concerning the potential for neurodevelopmental effects from OP pesticide exposures. On the other hand, other industry stakeholders may be concerned about the immediate adverse impact of this “updated” FQPA determination on the risk assessments prepared by EPA for OP pesticides and the measures that will be demanded by EPA to mitigate purported risks.

On April 5, 2017, PANNA and NRDC responded to Administrator Pruitt’s March 29, 2017, decision to deny their petition to revoke the tolerances and cancel the registrations for chlorpyrifos by submitting to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals a Motion for Further Mandamus Relief. That motion was substantially based on the

premise that EPA does not “suggest that it has reconsidered its finding that chlorpyrifos is unsafe.” The briefing on the new mandamus motion was completed on May 5, 2017, several weeks before EPA disclosed the documents concerning the “updated” FQPA determination. Nevertheless, petitioners could try to argue that these documents constitute further evidence supporting their key premise that EPA has not actually revisited its prior determination that chlorpyrifos exposures are unsafe.

The legal and policy issues posed by EPA’s evaluation of the epidemiological data for chlorpyrifos and by EPA’s determination that these data create sufficient uncertainty to warrant retention of the FQPA 10X safety factor for all OP pesticides will be a continued source of controversy, and will be watched with interest by all stakeholders.

More information and updates on chlorpyrifos, the epidemiological data, and their surrounding legal issues is available on our blog item under keyword [chlorpyrifos](#).

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Tim,

(b) (5) Deliberative

. You suggested you could (b) (5) Deliberative. Let me know if you hear anything.

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To: "Anand, Nina - FSIS" <Nina.Anand@fsis.usda.gov>, "Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC" <Peter.Bachmann@osec.usda.gov>, "Black, David - OC, Washington, DC" <David.Black@oc.usda.gov>, "Blair, David D. - OC, Washington, DC" <David.D.Blair@oc.usda.gov>, "Clark, Garth - OC, Washington, DC" <Garth.Clark@oc.usda.gov>, "Deavers, Leslie - NRCS, Washington, DC" <Leslie.Deavers@wdc.usda.gov>, "Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Abbey.L.Fretz@aphis.usda.gov>, "Fritscher, Justin - NRCS, Washington, DC" <Justin.Fritscher@wdc.usda.gov>, "Hall, Galon - NRCS, Washington, DC" <galon.hall@wdc.usda.gov>, "Harless, Angela - OC, Washington, DC" <Angela.Harless@oc.usda.gov>, "Heitkamp, Amanda D. - OC, Washington, DC" <amanda.heitkamp@oc.usda.gov>, "Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Dan.Jiron@osec.usda.gov>, "Mabry, Brian - OC, Washington, DC" <Brian.Mabry@oc.usda.gov>, "Mizrahi, Ella - OC, Washington, DC" <Ella.Mizrahi@oc.usda.gov>, "Mulach, Ronald - OGC" <RONALD.MULACH@OGC.USDA.GOV>, "Murray, Mariel J - OBPA" <Mariel.Murray@obpa.usda.gov>, "Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC" <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>, "Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC" <Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov>, "Sadeghzadeh, Kaveh - NRCS, Washington, DC" <Kaveh.Sadeghzadeh@wdc.usda.gov>, "Sheppard, Bettina - OBPA" <Bettina.Sheppard@obpa.usda.gov>, "Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov>, "Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>, "Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Sam.Clovis@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: CLEARANCE: (b) (5) Deliberative

Please DO NOT reply-all. Send comments to Mike.Illenberg@oc.usda.gov

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To: [Beck, Nancy](#); [Dravis, Samantha](#); [Greenwalt, Sarah](#); [Richard, Keigwin](#); [Echeverria, Marietta](#); thomas_irwin@fws.gov; [Leach, Sally \(Macie\) \(Federal\)](#); Marigrace.Caminiti@sol.doi.gov; [Inge, Carolyn](#); [Jewell, Shannon](#); [DCRoomEast3156/DC-EPA-EAST-OCSP](#); [Kelly, George \(Federal\)](#); [Smith, Connie - OSEC](#); [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); ecomstock@doc.gov; [Jakob, Avivah](#); [ameka lewis-robinson@ios.doi.gov](#); [Perlis, Robert](#); [McLean, Kevin](#); [Schwab, Justin](#); [Fotouhi, David](#); daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov
Cc: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Bennett, Tate](#); casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov; [Dyner, Mark](#); [Bolen, Brittany](#); [Minoli, Kevin](#); [Brown, Byron](#)
Subject: ESA Interagency Meeting with EPA, Commerce, USDA and DOI (Call in number 1-866-299-3188, access code (b) (6))
Attachments: [ESA Background Briefing_6_19_2017.pptx](#)
[ESA Meeting Agenda 6.19.docx](#)
[ESA Background Briefing_6.19 \(short version\).pptx](#)

Purpose/Subject: To discuss ESA implementation improvements.

Location Address: 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW – Washington, DC

Invitees for the meeting:

EPA/OCSP-IO
Wendy Cleland-Hamnett
Nancy Beck

EPA/OCSP-OPP
Rick Keigwin
Marietta Echeverria

EPA / OP
Samantha Dravis
Sara Greenwalt

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Virginia Johnson, Special Assistant to the Secretary (Fish, Wildlife and Parks)
Aurelia Skipwith, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Dan Jorjani, DOI Solicitor

Commerce:
James Uthmeier, Deputy General Counsel (recommended by USDA)
George Kelly
Earl Comstock

USDA:
Stephen Vaden, Acting General Counsel
Rebecka Adcock, Office of the Secretary
Sheryl Kunickis, Director of USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
To: [Abbott, Linda - OCE](#); [Grahn, David - OGC](#); [LINDEN, RALPH - OGC](#); [Ricci, Carrie - OGC](#); [Leland, Arlean - OGC](#); [YOUNG, BENJAMIN, JR. - OGC](#)
Cc: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Bonner, Peter - OGC](#); [Mulach, Ronald - OGC](#); [McGruder, Shawn - OGC](#); [NOVAK, SHEILA - OGC](#); [Dinh, Mai - OGC](#); [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#); [Preston, Warren - OCE](#); [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA](#); [Smith, Mark - OBPA](#); [Staiert, Jim - OBPA](#); [Nelson, Christopher - OBPA](#); [York, Kent - OBPA](#)
Subject: RE: RRTF -- Initial Review of RRTF Submissions
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:55:38 AM
Attachments: [APHIS RRTF Data Call 6.19.17.xlsx](#)

Attached is the APHIS submission. (b) (5) Deliberative

Chris Z.

From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Abbott, Linda - OCE <LAbbott@oce.usda.gov>; Grahn, David - OGC <DAVID.GRAHN@OGC.USDA.GOV>; LINDEN, RALPH - OGC <RALPH.LINDEN@OGC.USDA.GOV>; Ricci, Carrie - OGC <Carrie.Ricci@ogc.usda.gov>; Leland, Arlean - OGC <ARLEAN.LELAND@OGC.USDA.GOV>; YOUNG, BENJAMIN, JR. - OGC <BENJAMIN.YOUNG@OGC.USDA.GOV>
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Subject: RRTF -- Initial Review of RRTF Submissions

In response to the attached data call, Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF) members (see attached Excel spreadsheet identifying members) submitted the attached list of recommended actions for improving the operational efficiency of the Department. These actions cover a variety of areas, including regulations, regulatory guidance, Departmental directives, and other types of administrative actions. As indicated, some may require legislation to implement. Please note, OBPA is working with NIFA on their submission and will circulate it once we have one to review.

Starting the week of June 26, 2017, Mission Areas will be asked to brief Rebeckah Adcock on the recommendations. OBPA, OGC, and OCE will be asked to participate in those meetings. The outcome of those meetings will be an agreement on which recommendations should be pursued and a priority ranking of the actions.

In preparation for the Mission Area meetings, OBPA program analysis division staff will be scheduling meetings with RRTF members to review their submissions. The Office of the Chief Economist and

the Office of General Counsel will be invited to participate. These will be staff level discussions to gain a further understanding of the proposals, the actions needed to implement them, the expected timeline for completion, barriers to completion, estimated savings, and other information necessary to assess their feasibility and to establish Departmental priorities.

There is not much time to schedule the meetings and a lot of information to cover. Hopefully, people will be available to participate. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

Chris Z.

Christopher Zehren | Deputy Director for Program Analysis | Office of Budget and Program Analysis
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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Cc: [Clovis, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: (b) (5) Deliberative
Date: Friday, April 28, 2017 9:36:58 AM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

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Sheryl

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC](#)
Subject: RE: FYI
Date: Friday, April 28, 2017 3:27:23 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FYI

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From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: (b) (6) @who.eop.gov; Zadrozny, John A. EOP/WHO; (b) (6) @who.eop.gov; Sharon E. BomerLauritsen@ustr.eop.gov; Julia Doherty@ustr.eop.gov; holly.turner@sba.gov; eric.jones@sba.gov; nathan.miller@sba.gov; susan.s.whittington@usace.army.mil; joe.manous@usace.army.mil; robyn.s.colosimo.civ@mail.mil; jennifer.a.moyer@usace.army.mil; garnet.hanly@fcc.gov; zachary.ross@fcc.gov; daniel.kahn@fcc.gov; michael.ray@fcc.gov; efren.hernandez@uscis.dhs.gov; jennifer.wagner.bell@omb.eop.gov; nora.stein@omb.eop.gov; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; kipp.kranbuhl@treasury.gov; jodie.harris@treasury.gov; donovana@cfdi.treas.gov; palmer.wayne.d@dol.gov; packer.shawn.m@dol.gov; victoria.l.barton@hud.gov; johnson.p.loy@hud.gov; ralph.h.gaines@hud.gov; nantaisJD@state.gov; crowells@state.gov; Marcella Szymanski (State); WintonAS@state.gov; michael.chamberlain@ed.gov; kim.ford@ed.gov; heather.whitaker@ed.gov; roger.jarrell@hq.doe.gov; bennett.tate@epa.gov; brown.byron@epa.gov; winter.n.casey@ostp.eop.gov; deerin.s.babb-brott2@ostp.eop.gov; thomas.klobucar@va.gov; anjali.n.tripathi@ostp.eop.gov; (b) (6) @cea.eop.gov; tmorris@hrsa.gov; cchen@hrsa.gov; mgoodman@hrsa.gov; rsaunders@hrsa.gov; alopata@hrsa.gov; Flamm, Eric; ritu.nalubola@fda.hhs.gov; donald.prater@fda.hhs.gov; rebecca.buckner@fda.hhs.gov; ebranstad@doc.gov; michael.dougherty@hq.dhs.gov; tsquinn@usgs.gov; Davis, Rich - RD, Washington, DC; McLean, Christopher - RD, Washington, DC; darci.graves@cms.hhs.gov; cara.james@cms.hhs.gov; raymond.limon@doi.gov; (b) (6) @who.eop.gov; Jiron, Dan - OSEC, Washington, DC; Jackson, Yvette - FNS; Grahn, David - OGC; sanjay.koyani@hhs.gov; Parker, Chad - RD, Washington, DC; john.gibbs@hud.gov; richard.cardinale@ios.doi.gov; Terrell, Tina J - FS; Karen.Sanders@va.gov; (b) (6) @deq.eop.gov; kathleen.klink@va.gov; (b) (6) @cea.eop.gov; Hooper, Bryan - RD, Washington, DC; david.j.byrd@hud.gov; Johnston, Moira - FNS; Pidgeon, Stefanie - RMA; Alston, Michael - OSEC, Washington, DC; Cullo, Diane - OSEC, Washington, DC; Green, Gregory - RMA; sfishergoad@denali.gov; martin.john.r@dol.gov; Elrod, Brent - NIFA; Hoffman, William - NIFA; Esch, Michele - ARS; Berg, Erin
Cc: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Rural Prosperity Taskforce Recommendations & Plan moving forward
Date: Friday, September 01, 2017 10:56:24 AM
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

All,

As discussed on the Rural Prosperity Task Force All-Hands call, attached are compiled recommendations from all 4 workgroups. *Workforce's recommendations are the last attachment.*

The plan moving forward is as follows:

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Thank you,
Campbell & Kristi

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From: Daniel, Jean - OES, Washington, DC
To: [Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Shorter, Malcom - DM](#); [Briscoe, Johanna - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Crandall, Doug - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Bice, Don - OBPA](#); [Young, Mike - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: OES Correspondence Heat Map 7.3.17
Date: Monday, July 03, 2017 2:25:26 PM
Attachments: [OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT 7.2.17.docx](#)
Importance: High

Hi Chris,

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Please let me know if you have questions or if we can assist OSEC in any other way.

Wishing everyone a Happy and safe 4th of July celebration!

Jean

Director
Office of the Executive Secretariat
202-720-6630-office

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Dicamba
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 4:21:42 PM

Thank you.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 4:20:48 PM
To: Vaden, Stephen - OGC
Cc: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC; Liu, Simon; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: Re: Dicamba

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Thanks for the fast turnaround on (b) (5) Deliberative, Sheryl.

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Aug 7, 2017, at 4:07 PM, Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Sheryl. The message from Connie was about this so that there is no need to return it.

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS **On Behalf Of** Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Liu, Simon <Simon.Liu@ARS.USDA.GOV>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Dicamba

Good Afternoon,

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All things pesticides should be directed to OPMP.

Thanks,

Sheryl

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From: Liu, Simon

Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 3:45:17 PM

To: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC

Subject: FW: Dicamba

Sheryl,

Just talked with Campbell Shuford.

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Thank you,

Simon Liu, Ph.D.
 Associate Administrator
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From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 3:31 PM

To: Liu, Simon <Simon.Liu@ARS.USDA.GOV>

Subject: FW: Dicamba

Simon,

See below. Hopefully this email chain will provide you a bit more context as well.
 Appreciate your help in putting something together.

From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Corley, Shiela - NASS <Shiela.Corley@nass.usda.gov>
Cc: Esch, Michele - ARS <Michele.Esch@ARS.USDA.GOV>; Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC <Blake.Rollins@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Dicamba

Shelia-- see the email exchange below. (b)(5) Pre-decisional/Deliberative
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 Please give me a call with questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC"
 <Blake.Rollins@osec.usda.gov>
Date: August 7, 2017 at 2:15:53 PM EDT
To: "Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC"
 <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Dicamba

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On Aug 7, 2017, at 1:13 PM, Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Blake-- see the note below. (b) (5) Deliberative

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Vaden, Stephen - OGC"
 <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Date: August 7, 2017 at 2:11:41 PM EDT
To: "Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC"
 <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Dicamba

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Stephen

From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Vaden, Stephen - OGC
<Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Dicamba

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Date: August 7, 2017 at 2:06:03 PM EDT
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<Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Dicamba

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From: Kunickis, Sheryl - ARS
To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Fw: : Chlorpyrifos email, call, and response
Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 4:22:26 PM

Stephen, Brian, and Tim,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I believe the (b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks,
Sheryl

Dear (b) (6) ,

(b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED]

(b) (5) Deliberative [REDACTED]

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I hope I was able to address your questions and thank you for reaching out to USDA.

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From: (b) (6) @gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC; Chin, Teung; Domesle, Alexander - ARS; Epstein, David; Fajardo, Julius; Fowler, Dianne; Hill2, Elizabeth - ARS; Schechtman, Michael; Schroeder, Jill
Subject: Question re: Chlorpyrifos

Good Morning,

I read Ms. Kunickis' quote regarding the use of chlorpyrifos, and I have some concerns. My understanding is that it is a derivative of a nerve gas developed by the Nazis, and that EPA scientists had recommended it be banned because, among other things, its tendency to cause brain damage, reduced IQ, and Parkinson's disease, in addition to its ability to pass through fetal membranes.

Can you explain to me why this is safe, and why my family should feel

comfortable eating agricultural products sprayed with this substance?

Living in Missouri, I have several good friends who work for Monsanto. They have told me that there is no need to eat organic products, and that pesticides are safe. But a pesticide developed from a Nazi nerve agent? How can that be safe? Do you feed it to your families?

Thank you. I look forward to receiving your response.

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From: [Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) on behalf of (b) (6)
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Meeting with Mr. Collins, Executive Vice President at DuPont and Ms. Krysta Harden, Vice President of Public Policy and Chief Sustainability Officer
Attachments: (b) (5) Deliberative

Krysta Harden, VP for Public Policy and Chief Sustainability Officers and Aaron Whitesel, Director of Government Affairs.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Pick, Rachel - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Briefing Documents for Fall Reg Agenda & Reform today at 2 pm
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 12:47:18 PM
Attachments: [Attachment USDA RFI Reg Reform.pdf](#)
[USDA-RegAgenda-Fall2017 \(Briefing Version\)\(9-14-2017\).pdf](#)
[USDA-Masterlist-Inactive-9-14-17.pdf](#)
[Withdrawn-Completed 2017 Fall Agenda OBPA.pdf](#)
[DELIBERATIVE - Fall Reg Agenda Reform Brief sept 14 17 FINAL.docx](#)

Proposed Rules

Federal Register

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Monday, July 17, 2017

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

7 CFR Subtitles A and B

9 CFR Chapters I, II, and III

Identifying Regulatory Reform Initiatives

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Executive Order 13777—Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is requesting ideas from the public on how we can provide better customer service and remove unintended barriers to participation in our programs in ways that least interfere with our customers and allow us to accomplish our mission. To do this, we are specifically asking for public ideas on regulations, guidance documents, or any other policy documents that are in need of reform, for example ideas to modify, streamline, expand, or repeal those items.

DATES: Comments and information are requested on or before July 17, 2018. USDA will review comments in four batches over a one-year period. The cut-off period for comments to be reviewed as part of the first batch is September 15, 2017. The cut-off period for comments to be reviewed as part of the second batch is November 14, 2017. The cut-off periods for the third and fourth batches are February 12, 2018, and July 17, 2018, respectively.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. For proper delivery, in your comment, specify “Identifying Regulatory Reform Initiatives.”

• *Electronic Submission of Comments.* You may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. USDA strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows you

maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, and ensures timely receipt by USDA. Follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

• *Submission of Comments by Mail, Hand delivery, or Courier.* Paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions should be submitted to regulations@obpa.usda.gov, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 101–A, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Poe, Telephone Number: (202) 720–5303.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. USDA’s Regulatory Mission

USDA is committed to creating a culture of consistent, efficient service to our customers while easing regulatory burdens to make it easier to invest, produce, and build in rural America in a way that creates jobs and economic prosperity while ensuring the safety of our food supply, and protecting and safeguarding our land, water, and other natural resources for future generations.

B. The Regulatory Reform Agenda and Executive Order 13777

On February 24, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order (E.O.) 13777—Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, which established a federal policy to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens on the American people. Section 3(a) of the E.O. directs federal agencies to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force (Task Force). One of the duties of the Task Force is to evaluate existing regulations and make recommendations to the USDA Secretary regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification. The E.O. further asks that each Task Force attempt to identify regulations that:

- (i) Eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation;
- (ii) Are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;
- (iii) Impose costs that exceed benefits;
- (iv) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;
- (v) Are inconsistent with the requirements of section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriates Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516

note), or the guidance issued pursuant to that provision in particular those regulations that rely in whole or in part on data, information, or methods that are not publicly available or that are insufficiently transparent to meet the standard of reproducibility; or

(vi) Derive from or implement Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.

II. USDA’s Implementation of Executive Order 13777

Section 3(e) of the E.O. calls on the Task Force to seek input and other assistance, as permitted by law, from entities significantly affected by Federal regulations, including State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, consumers, non-governmental organizations, and trade associations on regulations that meet some or all of the criteria above. Through this notice, USDA is requesting ideas from the public to help its Task Force’s evaluation of existing regulations. USDA requests that commenters be as specific as possible, include any supporting data or other information such as cost information, provide a **Federal Register** (FR) or Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) citation when referencing a regulation or directive, the OMB control number for information collections and recordkeeping burdens approved under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3522), and specific suggestions regarding the repeal, replacement or modification of these items.

In evaluating USDA’s regulations, guidance documents, or any other policy documents that are in need of reform as well as new ideas to modify, streamline, expand, or repeal such items, commenters are asked to consider the questions outlined below. Note this is not an exhaustive list nor is it intended to limit the issues that commenters may address, but rather it is meant to assist in the formulation of comments.

1. Are there any regulations that should be repealed, replaced, or modified?

2. For each regulation identified in question number 1, please identify whether the regulation:

- (a) Results in the elimination of jobs, or inhibits job creation;
- (b) Is outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;

(c) Imposes costs that exceed benefits;

(d) Creates a serious inconsistency or otherwise interferes with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;

(e) Is inconsistent with the requirements or regulations of section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note), which requires that agencies maximize the quality, objectivity, and integrity of the information (including statistical information) they disseminate; or

(f) Derives from or implements Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.

3. Are there any existing USDA requirements that duplicate or conflict with requirements of another Federal agency? Can the requirement be modified to eliminate the conflict?

4. What are the estimated total compliance costs of the USDA regulations to which you or your organization must comply? This should include the costs of complying with information collections, recordkeeping, and other requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

This notice is issued for information and program-planning purposes. While comments to this notice do not bind USDA to any further actions, all submissions will be reviewed by the Task Force, and made publicly available on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although USDA will not respond to individual comments, USDA values public feedback and will give careful consideration to all input that it receives.

USDA will keep the public apprised of the status of its review and any plans to repeal, replace, or modify existing regulations. The Department will issue a detailed update as part of the 2017 fall regulatory agenda and statement of regulatory priorities. Additionally, the public is encouraged to visit <https://www.usda.gov/> for the latest information about the Department's regulatory reform efforts.

Dated: July 11, 2017.

Rebeckah Adcock,

Regulatory Reform Officer and Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2017-0690; Directorate Identifier 2017-NM-061-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; removal.

SUMMARY: We propose to remove Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2017-01-06, which applies to certain Airbus Model A319-115, A319-132, A320-214, A320-232, A321-211, A321-213, and A321-231 airplanes. AD 2017-01-06 requires inspection and replacement of certain tie rod assemblies installed on the hinged fairing assembly of the main landing gear (MLG). We issued AD 2017-01-06 to detect and correct the absence of cadmium plating on the rod end threads of the tie rod assemblies. Since we issued AD 2017-01-06, we have determined that although cadmium plating might be absent, the rod end threads of the tie rod assemblies can withstand the expected environmental conditions, therefore the unsafe condition, as initially determined, does not exist.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 31, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** Deliver to the Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this proposed AD, contact Airbus, Airworthiness Office—EIAS, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 44 51; email account.airworth-eas@airbus.com; Internet <http://www.airbus.com>. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on

the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425-227-1221.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2017-0690; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone 800-647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sanjay Ralhan, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057-3356; telephone 425-227-1405; fax 425-227-1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include "Docket No. FAA-2017-0690; Directorate Identifier 2017-NM-061-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

On December 23, 2016, we issued AD 2017-01-06, Amendment 39-18773 (82 FR 4773, January 17, 2017) ("AD 2017-01-06"), for certain Airbus Model A319-115, A319-132, A320-214, A320-232, A321-211, A321-213, and A321-231 airplanes. AD 2017-01-06 requires a detailed inspection for the presence of cadmium plating on tie rod assemblies having certain part numbers, and procedures for replacement of tie rod assemblies with no cadmium plating on the rod end threads. AD 2017-01-06 resulted from a report of certain tie rod assemblies installed on the hinged



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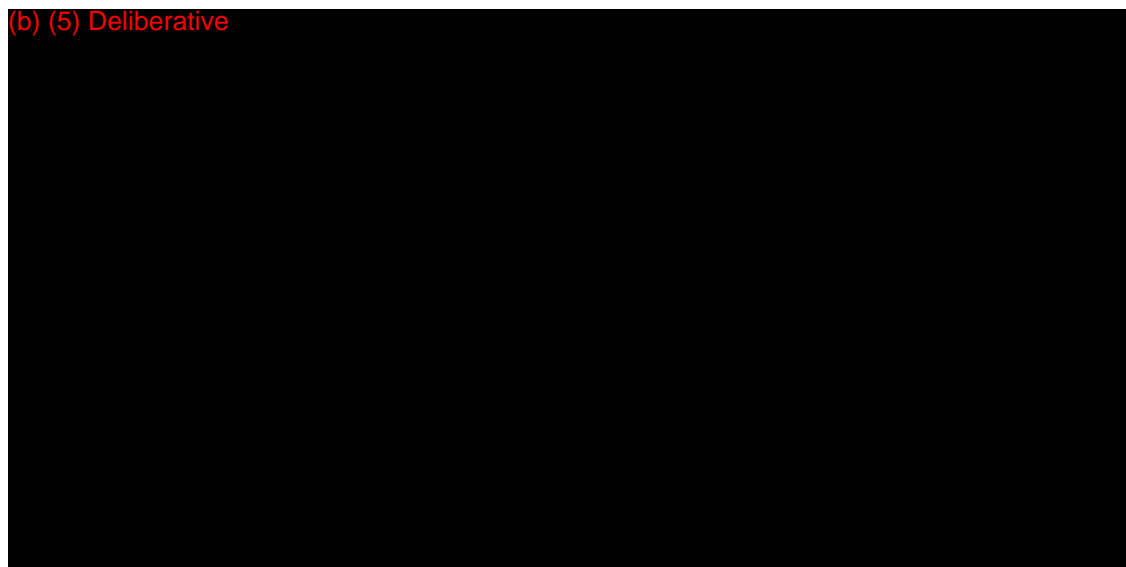
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Here is a doc re reg reform that we used early on to describe the process for SP.

I can meet tomorrow after the ARPTF meeting – say 3 ish?

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Executive Order 13777: Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda (02/24/2017) - EO 13777 requires that each Department undertake a comprehensive review and evaluation of regulations and their impact on the American taxpayer and the economy. Additionally, the Secretary has designated a *Regulatory Reform Officer (RRO)* to lead and assist in implementing the plan of action to meet the EO's reform obligations – Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, will serve as the RRO for this effort – Rebeckah.adcock@osec.usda.gov, 202-690-2464 desk. (b) (5) Deliberative

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Testimony
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs
and
Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules
Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check in: Part II
November 14, 2017

Thank you for the invitation to testify before your Subcommittees today. As the designated Regulatory Reform Officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), I am delighted to assure both Subcommittees that Secretary Sonny Perdue is committed to fulfilling the President's promise to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and process barriers at the Department. In line with the President's Executive Orders 13771 and 13777, Secretary Perdue is determined to abate the practice of legislating through Department regulations and staying within the bounds of Congressional authority.

USDA embraces the President's five regulatory reform principles – reducing burdens and barriers, regulating effectively and efficiently, promoting due process, providing fair notice and transparency, and respecting individual freedoms and property rights. Consistent with the Executive Orders, it is our goal to collaborate with the public and identify regulations that are creating more problems than they are solving. To achieve that goal, we published a call for public input on July 17, 2017, that lasts through July 2018. USDA will review comments received during this time period in four batches—in September and November 2017 and February and July 2018. To date, USDA has received over 145 comments.

Additionally, as a function of the Secretary's leadership of the President's Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity, USDA held a series of listening sessions with our stakeholders across the countryside. During Secretary Perdue's travels through rural America, he heard from producers, industry stakeholders, rural residents, and community leaders on everything from farm program implementation to Forest Service directives to wetlands. Here in Washington, the Secretary held a public listening session on 'cutting the red tape' where policy experts, non-profit organizations, and industry groups aired their concerns about different regulatory burdens. USDA listened, and with our submissions to the Spring—and most recently—the Fall Unified Regulatory Agendas, we are taking actions to revise, reconsider and, where appropriate, deregulate.

We are also committed to communicating clearly about our stakeholders' rights and options, including the opportunity to appeal decisions. For both new regulations and old, we are carefully reviewing the Federal Register to ensure that we are zeroing in on rules that the public feels are unnecessary. Due process demands that we give advance notice of which regulations are under consideration and we commit to carefully considering all feedback. In our communications, we use plain language to ensure constituents understand what the regulations and laws mean for their business practices.

In addition, customer service is a priority for the Secretary. USDA has been communicating with our customers and stakeholders asking them to inform us of potentially inappropriate enforcement actions and bad service interactions. Based on this early input, we realized there were some internal reforms that USDA could take to improve the services we provide to the American public. This included the reorganization of the former Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services mission area to include the Natural Resource Conservation Service, whose mission overlapped with the Farm Service Agency and the Risk Management Agency's focus on domestic producers. We are looking at ways to ensure that when a producer walks into a USDA service center, they have a one-stop shop where they can quickly find the answers and guidance they need to navigate the regulatory environment. It is our hope that the newly named Farm Production and Conservation mission area will meet that need.

As you know, USDA has a large organization that touches the lives of virtually every American in ways that most may never notice. We have nearly 100,000 employees, made up of dedicated civil servants who believe in the work we do to support the production of food, fiber and fuel, as well as rural communities. Even as we continue to wait for the confirmation of new leadership, our internal Regulatory Reform Task Force, composed almost exclusively of career senior staff from all mission areas, made over 275 recommendations about how we can decrease duplication of efforts and work more efficiently and effectively. Many of the administrative actions recommended are already underway and many recommended regulatory reforms will be announced in the Unified Fall Regulatory Agenda. We view reform as an ongoing process aimed at improving the culture of how USDA regulates. Final regulatory decisions will be fact-based and supported by data collected through sound scientific methodology. We evaluate all regulatory actions based on the President's five principles as well as doing our best to consider how the action impacts jobs and the economy as well as costs, benefits and burden to stakeholders.

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we trust in the American people and their representatives to do the right thing for their businesses, communities, and the country. America's rural businesses, farmers, ranchers and producers are all-too-aware that their long-term economic success depends on responsibly managing the land and its resources. Because of the breadth and diversity of USDA's programs and missions, we see strong evidence of Americans being good stewards of the land while also promoting economic growth and caring for one another. We believe there is tremendous opportunity for Americans to grow the economy responsibly while restoring citizens' faith in their government. Alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens, through a transparent process that improves the efficiency and effectiveness of our government, helps American society grow and prosper. Simply put, we believe USDA can and must do better and are committed to that end. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

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Adcock questioned on transparency of USDA regulatory review

By Jenny Hopkinson

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The Agriculture Department has provided the House Oversight Committee with a list of members of its regulatory review task force following Democratic calls for greater transparency in the examination of department rules and programs.

But at least one Democrat said Tuesday she had not received the list.

Rebeckah Adcock, USDA's senior policy adviser, who is leading the review process, told House Oversight members during a joint subcommittee hearing that the list has not been made public, but it was recently shared with the committee.

Adcock was responding to questions posed by Rep. [Bonnie Watson Coleman](#) (D-N.J.), who was critical of the task force's transparency following a New York Times/ProPublica report on Monday night that said Adcock had met with lobbyists from pesticide companies and groups that she formerly represented while at CropLife America, potentially in violation of ethics disclosures she signed.

"It is very important that the public know who is on these task forces," Watson Coleman said. She entered [the article](#) into the record but didn't press Adcock for a response on ethical questions raised by the report.

Rep. [Gary Palmer](#) (R-Ala.), who chairs House Oversight's Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee and presided over the meeting, later said the list had been received by the committee. Adcock did not say specifically when it was sent, nor did Palmer indicate when it was received.

About 40 people sit on the task force, and it is "almost exclusively composed of career staff," Adcock told lawmakers. USDA's task force has identified about 275 broad actions the department could take to relieve the regulatory burden on farmers and rural America, some of which will be outlined in the administration's fall Regulatory Agenda, Adcock added.

In [written testimony](#) submitted for the hearing, Adcock said: "For both new regulations and old, we are carefully reviewing the Federal Register to ensure that we are zeroing in on rules

that the public feels are unnecessary."

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Just FYI.



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Please see letter attached to Ms. Adcock, Senior Advisor, USDA, from Rep. Bonnie Watson-Coleman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Please acknowledge receipt of letter. Thanks

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Dear Ms. Adcock:

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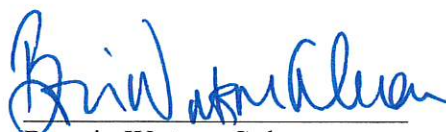
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Rebeckah,

Follow up questions from the Committee about the list of task force members and the NYT claim that you met with a lobbyist. Misty/Stephen/Pedro- oversight.

Happy to discuss.



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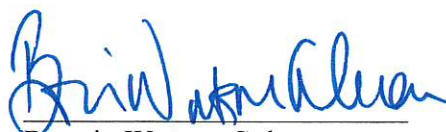
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I can look through HG's inbox as well if you think that would be helpful.

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Rachel & Campbell –

The materials for 3/3:30 briefing attached – memo brief on top with longer report as attachment.



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To: The Secretary
From: Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor & Regulatory Reform Officer, Office of the Secretary
Date: May 25, 2017
Re: Summary of Regulatory Reform Progress Report to the Secretary

PRE-DECISIONAL, DELIBERATIVE

The attached draft report outlines the USDA's plan for implementing a process for regulatory reform consistent with the requirements set forth in recent Executive Orders on *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*, *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*, *Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*, and *Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America*. **Upon your review and input, the attached document will be formally submitted the Office of the Secretary and, also, submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to the directives in the listed Executive Orders.**

Statement of Issue

This memorandum focuses on *Executive Order 13777: Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda (02/24/2017)* that requires that each federal department undertake a comprehensive review and evaluation of regulations and their impact on the American taxpayer and the economy. EO 13777 states that "it is the mission of the United States to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people."

At USDA, the review and actions taken to provide regulatory relief (b) (5) Deliberative

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Results in Brief

Since the issuance of EO 13777, several steps have been taken to plan for and implement the objectives of the order. First, prior to the confirmation of the Secretary, policy officials within USDA's Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) division began a systemic review of regulations within that mission area, including consideration of burdens to agriculture and rural communities from regulations at other agencies. (b) (5) Deliberative

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In April 2017, a Regulatory Reform Officer (RRO) was designated to lead the planning, coordination and ultimate implementation of the regulatory reforms and operational improvements at USDA. Further, USDA formally signaled our regulatory intentions with the submission several actions for inclusion in the Administration's *Spring Regulatory Agenda*. (b) (5) Deliberative

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On the May 15, 2017, leaders in USDA mission areas were called together to announce the formation of an USDA Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF), as required by EO 13777, and to request that these leaders submit names of personnel well suited to lead the mission areas efforts to identify reforms and recommendations for actions to the Task Force. Those representatives have been identified and the RRO will host the initial meeting of the fully constituted RRTF on May 31, 2017.

Scope and Methods

SEEK INPUT and TAKE ACTION - USDA's Regulatory Reform Task Force will (b) (5) Deliberative

QUANTIFY PROGRESS - Beginning in FY 2019, (b) (5) Deliberative

QUALIFY PERFORMANCE - It is very important that the Department's reorganization, regulatory and policy reforms, and upcoming strategic planning process combine to build a culture of consistent, efficient service to USDA customers, and that personnel are empowered to improve their workplace and proudly serve USDA's core missions. (b) (5) Deliberative

¹ **Regulatory Agenda and Executive Order 13771** - On January 30, 2017, President Trump signed EO 13771, *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs* has two requirements that affect the agenda: 1) Regulatory 2 for 1- Agencies must identify two deregulatory actions for each new regulatory action. The deregulatory actions are required to be taken no later than when the agency issues the new final regulatory action; and 2) Net Zero Cost Impact - New costs or incremental cost increases caused by a new regulation must be offset by the agency. Deregulatory actions to offset these costs may use the same deregulatory actions to satisfy the 2 for 1 requirement.

Regulatory Reform Actions

RECENT ACTIONS

Importation, Interstate Movement, and Release into the Environment of Certain Genetically Engineered Organisms (Part 340) – Final Rule. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to revise its regulations regarding the importation, interstate movement, and environmental release of certain genetically engineered organisms in order to update the regulations in response to advances in genetic engineering and understanding of the plant pest and noxious weed risk posed by genetically engineered (GE) organisms, thereby reducing burden for regulated entities whose organisms pose no plant pest or noxious weed risks. This rule is identified as a deregulatory action that reduces direct costs to biotech developers for those organisms that are not considered to pose plant pest and/or noxious weed risk. The proposed rule published January 19, 2017, and the comment period for the proposed rule ends June 19, 2017.

Establishing a Performance Standard for Authorizing the Importation and Interstate Movement of Fruits and Vegetables (Q56) – Final Rule. This APHIS rulemaking will change the regulations that govern the importation and interstate movement of fruits and vegetables by replacing a regulation-based process with a notice-based process for authorizing commodities and establishing their conditions of entry. The notice-based process uses Federal Register notices to make risk analyses available to the public for review and comment, with authorized commodities and their conditions of entry subsequently being listed on the Internet. This will allow for the consideration of requests to authorize the importation or interstate movement of new fruits and vegetables in a manner that enables a more flexible and responsive regulatory approach to evolving pest situations in both the United States and exporting countries. The rule is considered cost-neutral to the regulated community with a savings to the U.S. Government due to greater efficiencies.


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Administrative Issuances; Involving the Public in the Formulation of Forest Service Directives – Final Rule. This is a US Forest Service procedural regulatory action that would provide greater opportunity for public participation in the formulation of standards, criteria and guidelines applicable to Forest Service programs by expanding the scope of documents subject to review and employing web based technologies to ensure the interested public is notified of opportunities to review and comment on policy changes. This rulemaking is procedural and does not impose incremental costs on the public.

The Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices (OLPP) Final Rule - Proposal to Seek Further Implementation Delay and Public Comment. The organic livestock and poultry practices rulemaking focuses primarily on provisions for outdoor access and space for organic poultry production, it adds requirements for the production, transport, and slaughter of other organic livestock as well. The rule's original effective date was March 20, 2017, but USDA initially delayed the effective date by 60 days, and most recently

provided an additional 180 days to give the Department additional time to consider the impact of the OLPP rule. Estimated costs for compliance (b) (5) Deliberative




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ONGOING ACTIONS

To meet the obligations and embrace the opportunities afforded from EO 13777 and the Strategic Planning process, USDA should (b) (5) Deliberative



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3. Focus on Service and Core Missions – (b) (5) Deliberative

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Subject: FW: NYT story
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 12:31:28 PM

See below for follow-up questions from Agri-Pulse. I recommend (b) (5) Deliberative

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From: Steve Davies [mailto:steve@agri-pulse.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>
Subject: NYT story

Hi Tim:

I'm at hearing now on reg reform and NYT story has come up. Can you confirm that Rebeckah Adcock "disputed that she had discussed any off-limits subject" at the meeting attended by Kellie Bray? (CropLife just told me Bray was at the meeting; can I get an attendance list for it?)

More generally, can you respond to the implication that there is an "open door for pesticide lobbyists at USDA?"

also, from the Times: "The career ethics officers at U.S.D.A. agree that this is not a violation of the ethics agreement that Rebeckah Adcock signed," said Mr. Murtaugh, citing a 2009 memo by the Office of Government Ethics."

Can I speak to one of those ethics officers? Is there a memo where their conclusion is laid out? (If so, can I see it?)

Thanks very much --

Steve

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Subject: Fwd: REVIEW REQUEST: LRM [HWM-115-93] DUE 11/8 @ 2:00 PM EDUCATION Oversight Testimony on Regulatory Reform Task Force
Date: Monday, November 06, 2017 4:40:55 PM
Attachments: [HWM093 - ED testimony reg reform.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Rebeckah,

Here is Dept of Ed's testimony for your Nov 14 hearing. Feel free to provide comments if you have any concerns, though I'm guessing you won't. Is your testimony getting close?

Abbey L. Fretz

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EDUCATION Oversight Testimony on Regulatory Reform Task Force

DEADLINE: 2:00 PM Wednesday, November 08, 2017

Attached please find draft testimony from the Department of Education (Eitel) for a Tuesday, November 14 hearing before the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittees on Intergovernmental Affairs and Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules. HHS and USDA are also expected to testify and their testimony will be circulated under separate cover.

The draft nine-page testimony discusses the steps ED has taken to comply

with Executive Orders 13771 and 13777, focused on ED's Regulatory Reform Task Force.

Please review the draft testimony and respond by the deadline.

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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM
Monday, November 06, 2017

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer - See Distribution

FROM: Menard, Barbara (for) Assistant Director for Legislative Reference
SUBJECT: LRM [HWM-115-93] DUE 11/8 @ 2:00 PM EDUCATION
Oversight Testimony on Regulatory Reform Task Force

OMB CONTACT: **Myers, Hayley**
E-Mail: hayley_w_myers@omb.eop.gov
PHONE: **202-395-3857**
FAX: **202-395-6148**

In accordance with OMB Circular A-19, OMB requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President. By the deadline above, please reply by e-mail or telephone, using the OMB Contact information above.

Please advise us if this item will affect direct spending or receipts for the purposes of the Statutory Pay-as-You-Go Act of 2010.

Thank you.

**ROBERT S. EITEL
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BEFORE THE

**COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
AND
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTHCARE, BENEFITS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check-In: Part II

November 14, 2017

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Bcc: [McNeely, Brent - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Hearing Follow up
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:26:40 AM
Attachments: [RRTF Contacts USDA.docx](#)
Importance: High

The ethics agreement form is a standard form that we use in the USDA Office of Ethics. They tailor the form for each specific individual depending on their prior employment.

Also, I'm attaching our reg reform task force list, in case it's helpful. Only 5 of 42 members are political. 38 are career civil servants.



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From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Gilson, Joseph - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Meeting Request from Reg Reform Officer, Rebeckah Adcock

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: members of reg TF
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:41:56 AM
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When you get in can you resend that roster to me



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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: First stab at reg process reform
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 6:08:53 PM
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See attached with some minor minor edits.

I will be out of the office until next Tuesday. (b) (6) Andrew will be in to discuss further.

Chris Z.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>; Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: First stab at reg process reform

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 4:05 PM
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Subject: RE: First stab at reg process reform

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
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Subject: RE: First stab at reg process reform

See attached. Sorry for the delay.

Chris Z.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Perry, Andrew - OBPA, Washington, DC <Andrew.Perry@obpa.usda.gov>
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Subject: First stab at reg process reform

Please add your edits and get a draft back to me by COB Monday if at all possible.

Need to discuss at 2 meetings next week.

Thanks, Reb



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To: Regulatory Reform Task Force and Under Cabinet
From: Regulatory Reform Officer
Date:
Re: USDA Internal Process for Regulatory Actions Potentially Subject to OMB Review

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Feel free to call me to discuss (b) (6)

Rebeckah

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To: "Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC" <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>
Subject: media inquiry, deadline tonight

Hi Tim,

Hoping to get comment from Ms. Adcock and USDA about this letter, in particular the questions related to whether Ms. Adcock misled the committee today about the timing of the release of the task force names, and the questions about her ties to lobbyists/pesticide groups.

Thanks. Need this ASAP. We're posting tonight.

Robert

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Subject: RE: Need to fill in these blank even if imperfect estimates
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To: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC <Chris.Zehren@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: Need to fill in these blank even if imperfect estimates

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Have to get to the Secretary for his trip to retreat today.



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From: Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC
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Cc: [McNeely, Brent - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: NYT on Rebeckah
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:58:47 AM

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From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:43 AM
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Cc: McNeely, Brent - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brent.McNeely@osec.usda.gov>; Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>; Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: NYT on Rebeckah

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Team leaves at 9:25.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/11/13/business/trump-regulations-usda-lobbyists.html?referer=https://www.google.com/>

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: NYT/ProPublica questions for USDA/Adcock (deadline Nov. 13 at noon)
Date: Friday, November 10, 2017 7:42:32 PM

Let me know when you need me to meet with you.

Rebeckah Adcock
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On Nov 10, 2017, at 7:29 PM, Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC
<Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov> wrote:

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On Nov 10, 2017, at 6:57 PM, tAdcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Tim - (b) (5) Deliberative. Happy to
speak further on a complete response at your convenience.
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On Nov 10, 2017, at 6:09 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC,
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On Nov 10, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Murtaugh, Tim - OC,
Washington, DC <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov> wrote:

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To:
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Robert Faturechi
<Robert.Faturechi@propublica.org>
**Subject: Re: NYT/ProPublica
questions for USDA/Adcock
(deadline Nov. 13 at noon)**

Tim, additionally -- if Ms. Adcock has a waiver or some other determination that allowed her to take action forbidden by her ethics agreement, we would ask that you send us via email a copy of that waiver or other determination.

Many thanks,

Danielle

On Fri, Nov 10, 2017 at 3:57 PM, Ivory, Danielle
<danielle.ivory@nytimes.com>
wrote:

Hi Tim, we have not heard back from USDA about the interview request, below, sent earlier this week. We are now close to publication on our story and have a number of questions and items to fact-check with you. Our hard deadline is Monday, Nov. 13, at noon eastern.

We are requesting this response on the record. If you feel that something needs to be on background, we are happy to discuss that possibility beforehand.

We are also requesting, again, an on-the-record interview with Ms. Adcock. If she would rather not talk on the phone, we would also welcome a written response from her.

Thanks very much. Our questions and fact-checking items are below.

Yours,

Danielle

Questions:

(1) Rebeckah Adcock met with Kellie Bray of CropLife at USDA on May 3, along with the Southern Crop Protection Association, a CropLife member. This appears to be a violation of her ethics agreement, which states that she would "not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know CropLife America, is a party or represents a party" for a year. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by meeting with Ms. Bray? Please explain why or why not.

(2) Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by meeting with the Southern Crop Protection Association, which is a member of the CropLife trade association? Please explain why or why not.

(3) At that May 3 meeting, the Southern Crop Protection Association was in attendance. Among the topics discussed, according to the trade group, were the tests pesticides have to undergo to prove they're safe, the use of pesticides near water sources and the Endangered Species Act. One participant in the meeting also said pollinators were discussed. According to Ms. Adcock's ethics agreement, she agreed not to participate for two years on any matter on which she lobbied in the past two years. On her list of topics to avoid are the impact of pesticides on water and human health. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by discussing these topics? Please explain why or why not.

(4) Rebeckah Adcock's ethics agreement lists pollinators as a lobbying issue she wasn't involved in over the past two years, but the topic is listed on

her lobbying disclosure from the last quarter of 2016. (Link here: <https://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=DDFB058D-6391-46B9-BFB9-F59EFBD77C61&filingTypeID=78>.) How does USDA explain this discrepancy on Ms. Adcock's ethics form? Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by discussing pollinators? Please explain why or why not.

(5) Also in May, Ms. Adcock met with Elisha Kemp from Dow Agrosiences, a CropLife member. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by meeting with Ms. Kemp? Please explain why or why not.

(6) Before Ms. Adcock became a top lobbyist for CropLife, she served in a similar capacity for the farming industry, as a top lobbyist at the American Farm Bureau Federation. In July, Ms. Adcock met with a delegation from Farm Credit, a lending institution for farmers that is a donor to her old trade group, in "The Cage," the area outside of Secretary Perdue's office. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by meeting with this delegation? Please explain why or why not.

(7) Participants at the Farm Credit meeting discussed clean water rules. Has Ms. Adcock violated her ethics agreement by discussing this issue? Please explain why or why not.

(8) In 2013, Ms. Adcock and Ms. Bray appeared together in CropLife promotional materials, according to a CropLife blog, wearing pro-pesticide t-shirts. Ms. Bray's shirt said, "Ask me why you're not hungry, naked or itchy." Ms. Adcock's said, "Bite ME!" Is there a story behind the t-shirts? Does Ms. Adcock have a copy of the photo that she would be willing to share?

Fact-checking items (Please let us know if and why any of these are inaccurate.)

(1) At a closed-door meeting in September, Rebeckah Adcock met with Republican and Democratic congressional aides at the O'Neill Building and was asked to reveal the

identities of the other members on her deregulation team at USDA. Ms. Adcock brushed off the request, explaining that making the names public would result in a deluge of lobbyists.

(2) At the meeting on Capitol Hill in September, Ms. Adcock complained to Democratic and Republican House aides about the scrutiny her team was under, citing in particular the flurry of Freedom of Information Act requests demanding her and her teammates' emails and calendars.

(3) Ms. Adcock left CropLife in April, but has maintained contact with the organization and some of its member organizations.

(4) Ms. Adcock met with Kellie Bray of CropLife in May. Ms. Adcock and Ms. Bray lobbied together for CropLife for six years (from 2010 to 2017). Ms. Bray was listed on every single lobbying disclosure that had Ms. Adcock's name on it from the time that she joined CropLife to the disclosure filed in April, right before she joined the USDA.

(5) Disclosure records show that Ms. Adcock and Ms. Bray advocated for CropLife's agenda at multiple agencies including the U.S.D.A. and the Environmental Protection Agency, and in the halls of Congress. They pushed CropLife's interests on bills and regulations relating to the impact of pesticides on water and human health, changes in the way chemical safety standards are assessed and rules intended to protect endangered species from extinction. (Note: The most recent mention of ESA in a lobbying disclosure was just over two years ago.)

(6) Ms. Adcock's ethics waiver is dated April 26.

(7) Before Ms. Adcock became a top lobbyist for CropLife, she served in a similar capacity for the farming industry, as a top lobbyist at the American Farm Bureau Federation. In July, Ms. Adcock met with a delegation from Farm Credit, a lending institution for farmers that is a donor to her old trade group. Ms. Adcock reminded the group of her prior ties to the Farm Bureau, and asked them for

recommendations on regulatory changes.

(8) At the Farm Credit meeting, participants discussed getting cottonseed reclassified as an oil seed crop, so cotton producers could be eligible once again for government subsidies if revenue drops. They also discussed clean water rules and the agency's incentives program to promote conservation.

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On Wed, Nov 8, 2017 at 10:23 AM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hello, I'm a reporter with The New York Times. We're working with ProPublica on a story that looks at how businesses are interacting with USDA's regulatory reform task force. We would like to request an on-the-record interview with Rebeckah Adcock, the chair of USDA's regulatory reform task force. Would she be available to talk this week?

I've cced my colleague Robert Faturechi at ProPublica on this email.

Many thanks,

Danielle

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We can discuss at 1:30 (b) (6)



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Cc: Koren, Michael <Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Witness Invitation 11/14/17

1) Witnesses include:

Mr. Charles Keckler
Associate Deputy Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services

Mr. Robert Eitel
Senior Counselor to the Secretary
Department of Education

Ms. Rebeckah Adcock
Senior Advisor to the Secretary
Department of Agriculture

2) On areas of focus, really hard to say. Major themes in our last hearing from the Minority include transparency of the Task Forces, stakeholder outreach, and how agencies are prioritizing their review, so I would say it is fair to expect questions on those – anything you have to share what the Department has done to engage in meaningful stakeholder outreach, post information online/transparency measures, and how the specific components are conducting their review would help. We did see this E&E piece yesterday so while I haven't heard from our Minority directly, they may try to use it as TPs for Ms. Adcock:
<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060066019/feed>. Many agencies have been sharing information on how their reviews/recommendations are largely driven by career staff or that the TF's routinely seek input from career staff, which might help to counter what the E&E piece seems to be suggesting.

3) Mr. Gowdy will likely not be in attendance. We are conducting jointly with Mr. Jordan's HCBAR Subcommittee because HHS will be serving on the panel, but I anticipate Mr. Palmer will have the gavel for this one the entire time.

Again happy to answer any other questions you think of. Thanks,

Christina

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Thanks Christina. FYI, our testimony is with OMB, but we are hoping to get it back this afternoon and over to you all.

Do you have the full list of witnesses? And any idea yet on areas for USDA that your boss may focus on? Lastly, would you expect the full Committee chair to attend?

Thanks,
Abbey

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Hey guys. Just wanted to make sure you were all set for Tuesday – if you have any questions at all

I'm around all day and happy to jump on the phone. Just let me know!

Christina

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Good deal. Thanks.

Joby Young



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Hi Joby,

We just heard back and it sounds like we'll be sticking with the 10am slot on Tuesday for the Regulatory Reform Task Force hearing. Sorry for the fire drill but appreciate you checking in case we had to move! Look forward to seeing you all next week.

Christina

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I will check and follow up. Thank you.



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Hi all,

Our calendar is a bit in flux since a hearing scheduled for today has been postponed while IT Subcommittee Chairman Hurd travels to Texas in light of the recent shooting. As a result, we are considering moving our regulatory hearing to 2:00pm next Tuesday instead of 10:00am timeslot to accommodate Mr. Hurd's absence. Would a 2:00pm start time on Tuesday, November 14 be possible on Ms. Adcock's end?

Thank you!

Michael

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Received. Thank you.



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Good Afternoon,

Attached you will find an invitation letter for the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs and the Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules joint hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office building.

Please see the Witness Instruction Sheet for details on testimony. Please email an electronic copy of your testimony and bio no later than Friday, November 10, 2017, at noon. If you have any questions, please contact the Committee at 202-225-5074.

Please confirm receipt of this invitation.

Thanks,
Kiley

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Subject: RE: We both made the press today - I am now a "spokeswoman" HA!
Date: Thursday, November 09, 2017 9:50:52 AM

And, for the record, when NPDES is brought up by anyone, I do/did not discuss that with SCPA or anyone else – their newsletter is conflating the many meetings they had that week.

Sadly, E&E is following the script that, if you ever worked in the private sector, you have no integrity and must be gaming the system in government. Clearly, as many at USDA have learned, I am a mouthpiece for no one.

It is kind of them to note that USDA hasn't regulated pesticides since the year I was born, though – seems like that is especially relevant to the debate about my character.

From: Kunickis, Sheryl - OSEC
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: We both made the press today - I am now a "spokeswoman" HA!

Yes. You have to love stories that are a result of FOIAs - and they fill in the redactions! I hope all went well today at your appt!
Sheryl (aka Spokeswoman)

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 8, 2017, at 1:41 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Being judged from afar by people who have literally never met or interacted with you is ever so fair.

Guess they ran out of ammo on my colleagues so they left with sport fishing the small fry like me;)

Rebeckah Adcock

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Former agribusiness lobbyist oversees USDA rule rollbacks

[Maxine Joselow](#), E&E News reporter
Published: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

A former agribusiness lobbyist is leading the Department of Agriculture's regulatory reform efforts.

Rebeckah Adcock, who previously worked for the American Farm Bureau Federation and CropLife America, is at the helm of the department's regulatory reform task force.

President Trump's [executive order](#) in February directed agencies to set up panels to target regulations for repeal, revision or replacement ([Greenwire](#), Feb. 24).



Rebeckah Adcock. American Agricultural Law Association
A senior adviser to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, Adcock was appointed the panel's regulatory reform officer, according to a *Federal Register* [notice](#).
Congressional Democrats have accused U.S. EPA's task force of lacking transparency, and there are similar issues with USDA's panel ([Greenwire](#), Oct. 23).

USDA hasn't disclosed names of other panel members. And it's unclear which stakeholders are being consulted and which regulations have been identified for revision or repeal.

Lori Ann Burd, environmental health director with the Center for Biological Diversity, expressed concern that Adcock would cater to agribusiness interests at the expense of public health and the environment.

"We just see USDA very aggressively pursuing the interests of Big Ag and pesticide companies," Burd said. "It's very hard to believe that someone who has devoted her career to advocating for the regulated industry could just change pace and become an open-minded advocate for the interests of the American people at large."

USDA didn't return multiple emailed requests for an opportunity to interview Adcock, the names of panel members and other information about the review.

While little is known about her work at USDA, Adcock has extensive experience as an agribusiness lobbyist.

From 2010 until earlier this year, she was senior director of government affairs at CropLife America, a trade group for pesticide manufacturers, according to her [LinkedIn profile](#). CropLife America spent nearly \$845,000 on lobbying in the first quarter of this year, including on the reauthorization of the Pesticide

Registration Improvement Extension Act (PRIA), [H.R. 1029](#), which would extend EPA's fee system for pesticide registration. The House passed the bill in March, and the Senate Agriculture Committee approve the measure in June ([Greenwire](#), June 29).

Beau Greenwood, Croplife America's executive vice president, praised Adcock.

"I'm very proud of the work that Rebeckah Adcock did at CropLife America and the work that she's doing now serving the president," Greenwood said. "Rebeckah Adcock has the highest integrity of anybody I've ever worked with."

Greenwood also expressed frustration with the pace at which the pesticide registration bill was moving through Congress.

"When PRIA was reauthorized in 2007 and 2012, it passed the Senate by unanimous consent. This should be low-hanging fruit," he said. "Unfortunately, this time around there are Democratic holds on the bill, and we're having to work our way through a number of extraneous policy matters directly or indirectly related to EPA's regulation of pesticides."

Adcock also previously chaired the Pesticide Policy Coalition, whose membership includes pesticide manufacturers. In that role, she circulated a press release praising EPA's decision not to ban the insecticide chlorpyrifos, according to [emails](#) obtained by *The New York Times* through a Freedom of Information Act request.

"We need to provide regulatory certainty to the thousands of American farmers that rely on" the insecticide, the press release stated.

Sheryl Kunickis, director of USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy, responded to Adcock's email containing the press release, "Thank you! It is a great week for our growers and the decision is much appreciated."

USDA's 'outsized role' on pesticides

Burd, of the Center for Biological Diversity, said she worries that Adcock will exert influence over EPA's pesticide rules from her post at USDA.

"USDA is seemingly playing a pretty outsized role in EPA decisionmaking," Burd said.

As an example, Burd cited the press release announcing EPA's reversal of the ban on chlorpyrifos, which quoted Kunickis of USDA. "It's pretty unusual that an EPA press release would have a USDA

spokeswoman on the press release and pretty telling of how much influence they have," Burd said.

EPA declined to comment for this story.

Since coming to USDA in April, Adcock has weighed in on EPA's pesticide policies during at least one meeting with industry.

In May, Adcock met with several executives from the Southern Crop Production Association to discuss the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), according to the trade group's [news release](#).

USDA was originally tasked with enforcing FIFRA, which governs the registration and sale of pesticides. But that responsibility was transferred to EPA in 1970.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included "pesticide permitting near water" and PRIA, according to the news release.

"Rebeckah has an exceptional understanding regarding the many issues facing agriculture due, in large part, to her previous position" with CropLife America, the news release stated.

E&E News has submitted a FOIA request for information about other stakeholders Adcock has consulted on USDA's regulatory reform efforts. That request is pending as the agency wades through a backlog.

"We had an 80 percent increase in the number of FOIAs this fiscal year," Christine Jordan, a contractor supporting the department's FOIA office, told E&E News yesterday. "We're really, really behind."

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Kiley,

Ms. Adcock's testimony and bio for Tuesday's hearing are attached. Please let us know if you need anything else.

Abbey



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Thanks,
Kiley

Kiley N. Bidelman

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Testimony
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs
and
Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules
Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check in: Part II
November 14, 2017

Thank you for the invitation to testify before your Subcommittees today. As the designated Regulatory Reform Officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), I am delighted to assure both Subcommittees that Secretary Sonny Perdue is committed to fulfilling the President's promise to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and process barriers at the Department. In line with the President's Executive Orders 13771 and 13777, Secretary Perdue is determined to abate the practice of legislating through Department regulations and staying within the bounds of Congressional authority.

USDA embraces the President's five regulatory reform principles – reducing burdens and barriers, regulating effectively and efficiently, promoting due process, providing fair notice and transparency, and respecting individual freedoms and property rights. Consistent with the Executive Orders, it is our goal to collaborate with the public and identify regulations that are creating more problems than they are solving. To achieve that goal, we published a call for public input on July 17, 2017, that lasts through July 2018. USDA will review comments received during this time period in four batches—in September and November 2017 and February and July 2018. To date, USDA has received over 145 comments.

Additionally, as a function of the Secretary's leadership of the President's Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity, USDA held a series of listening sessions with our stakeholders across the countryside. During Secretary Perdue's travels through rural America, he heard from producers, industry stakeholders, rural residents, and community leaders on everything from farm program implementation to Forest Service directives to wetlands. Here in Washington, the Secretary held a public listening session on 'cutting the red tape' where policy experts, non-profit organizations, and industry groups aired their concerns about different regulatory burdens. USDA listened, and with our submissions to the Spring—and most recently—the Fall Unified Regulatory Agendas, we are taking actions to revise, reconsider and, where appropriate, deregulate.

We are also committed to communicating clearly about our stakeholders' rights and options, including the opportunity to appeal decisions. For both new regulations and old, we are carefully reviewing the Federal Register to ensure that we are zeroing in on rules that the public feels are unnecessary. Due process demands that we give advance notice of which regulations are under consideration and we commit to carefully considering all feedback. In our communications, we use plain language to ensure constituents understand what the regulations and laws mean for their business practices.

In addition, customer service is a priority for the Secretary. USDA has been communicating with our customers and stakeholders asking them to inform us of potentially inappropriate enforcement actions and bad service interactions. Based on this early input, we realized there were some internal reforms that USDA could take to improve the services we provide to the American public. This included the reorganization of the former Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services mission area to include the Natural Resource Conservation Service, whose mission overlapped with the Farm Service Agency and the Risk Management Agency's focus on domestic producers. We are looking at ways to ensure that when a producer walks into a USDA service center, they have a one-stop shop where they can quickly find the answers and guidance they need to navigate the regulatory environment. It is our hope that the newly named Farm Production and Conservation mission area will meet that need.

As you know, USDA has a large organization that touches the lives of virtually every American in ways that most may never notice. We have nearly 100,000 employees, made up of dedicated civil servants who believe in the work we do to support the production of food, fiber and fuel, as well as rural communities. Even as we continue to wait for the confirmation of new leadership, our internal Regulatory Reform Task Force, composed almost exclusively of career senior staff from all mission areas, made over 275 recommendations about how we can decrease duplication of efforts and work more efficiently and effectively. Many of the administrative actions recommended are already underway and many recommended regulatory reforms will be announced in the Unified Fall Regulatory Agenda. We view reform as an ongoing process aimed at improving the culture of how USDA regulates. Final regulatory decisions will be fact-based and supported by data collected through sound scientific methodology. We evaluate all regulatory actions based on the President's five principles as well as doing our best to consider how the action impacts jobs and the economy as well as costs, benefits and burden to stakeholders.

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we trust in the American people and their representatives to do the right thing for their businesses, communities, and the country. America's rural businesses, farmers, ranchers and producers are all-too-aware that their long-term economic success depends on responsibly managing the land and its resources. Because of the breadth and diversity of USDA's programs and missions, we see strong evidence of Americans being good stewards of the land while also promoting economic growth and caring for one another. We believe there is tremendous opportunity for Americans to grow the economy responsibly while restoring citizens' faith in their government. Alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens, through a transparent process that improves the efficiency and effectiveness of our government, helps American society grow and prosper. Simply put, we believe USDA can and must do better and are committed to that end. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

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Bio attached for when you need it.

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Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 5:34:40 PM
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Please provide me your input and I will work to finalize tomorrow after I get agency submissions.

Thanks,

Chris Z.

**Regulatory Reform Task Force
2017 Fall Regulatory Agenda and Statement of Regulatory Priorities**

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To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: 11:30 prep
Date: Monday, November 13, 2017 9:53:08 AM

Excellent. (b) (5) Deliberative . As House Oversight majority just learned on the phone...my voice lasts about one minute before all goes downhill...

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Subject: Re: 11:30 prep

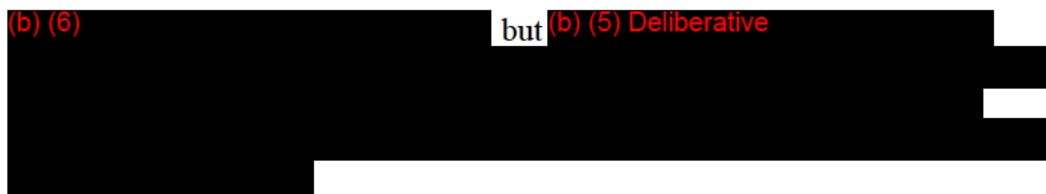
I'm game if u are

Rebeckah Adcock
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On Nov 13, 2017, at 9:45 AM, Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

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Also, Misty Giles is going to go with you to the hearing tomorrow. (b) (6)



Let me know if you need anything.

Abbey

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Murray, DaNita \(Agriculture\)](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: chat on reg reform?
Date: Monday, October 02, 2017 1:51:39 PM

Morning is crowded - how about 1 or 1:30? It is just y'all or bi-part?

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Oct 2, 2017, at 1:37 PM, Murray, DaNita (Agriculture) <DaNita_Murray@ag.senate.gov> wrote:

Totally understand! Would 11:30 a.m. work? Or early afternoon?

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
[\[mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov\]](mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov)
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Murray, DaNita (Agriculture) <DaNita_Murray@ag.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: chat on reg reform?

Tomorrow has gotten a bit nuts. Would Wednesday be possible for y'all?

Rebeckah Adcock
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On Oct 2, 2017, at 1:15 PM, Murray, DaNita (Agriculture) <DaNita_Murray@ag.senate.gov> wrote:

Hey Rebeckah, you around at all to chat with myself and James on reg reform tomorrow afternoon? Hope you are well! Miss you at CroLife!
☺ DaNita

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Correction...WE DID release the names due to a FOIA request.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:56 AM
To: 'Aizcorbe, Christina' <Christina.Aizcorbe@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow up

We haven't yet, but it was something we were open to discussing with our FOIA team.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow up

Thank you, Abbey. That is helpful. Since it may come up today, have you all posted or released these names in any way (whether online, in response to FOIA, etc?) Again appreciate you sharing.

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Aizcorbe, Christina <Christina.Aizcorbe@mail.house.gov>

Cc: Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC <Misty.Giles@osec.usda.gov>; Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC <Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov>

Subject: Hearing Follow up

Importance: High

The ethics agreement form is a standard form that we use in the USDA Office of Ethics. They tailor the form for each specific individual depending on their prior employment.

Also, I'm attaching our reg reform task force list, in case it's helpful. Only 5 of 42 members are political. 38 are career civil servants.



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Date: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 5:53:28 PM
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Please provide them with the information that we have released - the May report to the Secretary, the federal Register Notice re collecting public comment and any release of info re my designation.

Let me know if I need to join OBPA.

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From: Zehren, Chris - OBPA, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 5:42 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter to Secretary Perdue USDA re Regulatory Task Force Briefing

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Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 5:38 PM
To: Bice, Don - OSEC, Washington, DC <Don.Bice@obpa.usda.gov>
Cc: Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>; Jones, Diem-Linh - OBPA, Washington, DC <Diem-Linh.Jones@obpa.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter to Secretary Perdue USDA re Regulatory Task Force Briefing

Don,

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Stephen, FYI since this is oversight.



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From: Casey, Sharon

[<mailto:Sharon.Casey@mail.house.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 4:46 PM

To: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@aphis.usda.gov>

Cc: Aizcorbe, Christina <Christina.Aizcorbe@mail.house.gov>; McKenna, Liam <Liam.McKenna@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Letter to Secretary Perdue USDA re Regulatory Task Force Briefing

Attached please find a letter from Chairman Gowdy and Members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Chairman Goodlatte and Members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. Please note the letter requests a briefing by September 20, 2017.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thank you,
Sharon Casey



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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: NYT/ProPublica request for interview, Rebeckah Adcock
Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 1:21:42 PM

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Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Nov 8, 2017, at 12:50 PM, Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC
<Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov> wrote:

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From: Ivory, Danielle [<mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 10:24 AM
To: SM.OC.Press <Press@oc.usda.gov>; Robert Faturechi
<Robert.Faturechi@propublica.org>
Subject: NYT/ProPublica request for interview, Rebeckah Adcock

Hello, I'm a reporter with The New York Times. We're working with ProPublica on a story that looks at how businesses are interacting with USDA's regulatory reform task force. We would like to request an on-the-record interview with Rebeckah Adcock, the chair of USDA's regulatory reform task force. Would she be available to talk this week?

I've cced my colleague Robert Faturechi at ProPublica on this email.

Many thanks,

Danielle

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have something to begin clearly internally by Tues, Oct 24.

Thanks for any help you can provide,
Reb



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To: [Illenberg, Mike - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Testimony draft language (SP needs remarks to review too!)
Date: Monday, November 06, 2017 6:12:21 PM
Attachments: [Deliberative Adcock regulatory reform testimony 11 6 17 Draft 2.0.docx](#)
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Thanks much for the start – attached is my mark that has been sent to OCR for their input. Will send back a more final draft when I have it.

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Cc: Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>; Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC <Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov>
Subject: Reg Reform Testimony draft language

Hi Rebeckah,

Attached is some language I drafted to help you with final text for your testimony on the 14th in front of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. (b) (5) Deliberative



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To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Reg reform Update
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 1:36:44 PM
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Okay, thanks. See what I just changed below but obviously change as you see fit.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Reg reform Update

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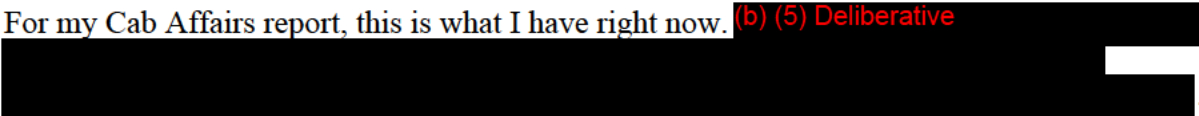
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From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Reg reform Update

Tim and Rebeckah,

For my Cab Affairs report, this is what I have right now. (b) (5) Deliberative



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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Reg task force
Date: Friday, November 03, 2017 10:43:11 AM

Coming to see you now.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Reg task force

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Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Schaumburg, Mandy [<mailto:Mandy.Schaumburg@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2017 7:27 AM
To: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kailee.Tkacz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Reg task force

Hi Kailee - have you all released what guidance and regs you are getting rid of in response to the executive order? I understand USDA is likely to testify at OGR on this issue in the coming weeks. Can you let me know if any of the refs or guidance are in my committee's area and you can give me a rundown on the process USDA is following to comply with the exec order?

Thank you, Mandy

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Mandy Schaumburg
Committee on Education and the Workforce
202-225-6558

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Subject: RE: Regulatory Oversight Committee - Draft Document
Date: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:40:03 PM
Attachments: [Regulatory Oversight Committee \(Draft 09.22.17\) RFA.docx](#)

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From: Vaden, Stephen - OGC
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:29 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Regulatory Oversight Committee - Draft Document

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From: Carrington, Karen - OGC
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov>
Cc: Smith, Connie - OSEC <Connie.Smith@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Regulatory Oversight Committee - Draft Document

Dear Stephen –

Please see attached. A hard copy will be provided to Connie.

Regards,
Karen

Regulatory Oversight Committee (Draft)

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Lane, Michelle \(US - Arlington\)](#)
Subject: RE: Today
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 3:53:50 PM

Could have been tougher all things considered. Thanks for the kind words.

From: Lane, Michelle (US - Arlington) [mailto:miclane@deloitte.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 1:53 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Today

For what it's worth, great job on the hill today. Tough crowd.

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From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Final Testimony
Date: Monday, November 13, 2017 12:36:02 PM
Attachments: [USDA Adcock Regulatory Reform Testimony 11-14-17 FINAL.docx](#)

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Testimony
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs
and
Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules
Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check in: Part II
November 14, 2017

Thank you for the invitation to testify before your Subcommittees today. As the designated Regulatory Reform Officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), I am delighted to assure both Subcommittees that Secretary Sonny Perdue is committed to fulfilling the President's promise to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and process barriers at the Department. In line with the President's Executive Orders 13771 and 13777, Secretary Perdue is determined to abate the practice of legislating through Department regulations and staying within the bounds of Congressional authority.

USDA embraces the President's five regulatory reform principles – reducing burdens and barriers, regulating effectively and efficiently, promoting due process, providing fair notice and transparency, and respecting individual freedoms and property rights. Consistent with the Executive Orders, it is our goal to collaborate with the public and identify regulations that are creating more problems than they are solving. To achieve that goal, we published a call for public input on July 17, 2017, that lasts through July 2018. USDA will review comments received during this time period in four batches—in September and November 2017 and February and July 2018. To date, USDA has received over 145 comments.

Additionally, as a function of the Secretary's leadership of the President's Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity, USDA held a series of listening sessions with our stakeholders across the countryside. During Secretary Perdue's travels through rural America, he heard from producers, industry stakeholders, rural residents, and community leaders on everything from farm program implementation to Forest Service directives to wetlands. Here in Washington, the Secretary held a public listening session on 'cutting the red tape' where policy experts, non-profit organizations, and industry groups aired their concerns about different regulatory burdens. USDA listened, and with our submissions to the Spring—and most recently—the Fall Unified Regulatory Agendas, we are taking actions to revise, reconsider and, where appropriate, deregulate.

We are also committed to communicating clearly about our stakeholders' rights and options, including the opportunity to appeal decisions. For both new regulations and old, we are carefully reviewing the Federal Register to ensure that we are zeroing in on rules that the public feels are unnecessary. Due process demands that we give advance notice of which regulations are under consideration and we commit to carefully considering all feedback. In our communications, we use plain language to ensure constituents understand what the regulations and laws mean for their business practices.

In addition, customer service is a priority for the Secretary. USDA has been communicating with our customers and stakeholders asking them to inform us of potentially inappropriate enforcement actions and bad service interactions. Based on this early input, we realized there were some internal reforms that USDA could take to improve the services we provide to the American public. This included the reorganization of the former Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services mission area to include the Natural Resource Conservation Service, whose mission overlapped with the Farm Service Agency and the Risk Management Agency's focus on domestic producers. We are looking at ways to ensure that when a producer walks into a USDA service center, they have a one-stop shop where they can quickly find the answers and guidance they need to navigate the regulatory environment. It is our hope that the newly named Farm Production and Conservation mission area will meet that need.

As you know, USDA has a large organization that touches the lives of virtually every American in ways that most may never notice. We have nearly 100,000 employees, made up of dedicated civil servants who believe in the work we do to support the production of food, fiber and fuel, as well as rural communities. Even as we continue to wait for the confirmation of new leadership, our internal Regulatory Reform Task Force, composed almost exclusively of career senior staff from all mission areas, made over 275 recommendations about how we can decrease duplication of efforts and work more efficiently and effectively. Many of the administrative actions recommended are already underway and many recommended regulatory reforms will be announced in the Unified Fall Regulatory Agenda. We view reform as an ongoing process aimed at improving the culture of how USDA regulates. Final regulatory decisions will be fact-based and supported by data collected through sound scientific methodology. We evaluate all regulatory actions based on the President's five principles as well as doing our best to consider how the action impacts jobs and the economy as well as costs, benefits and burden to stakeholders.

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we trust in the American people and their representatives to do the right thing for their businesses, communities, and the country. America's rural businesses, farmers, ranchers and producers are all-too-aware that their long-term economic success depends on responsibly managing the land and its resources. Because of the breadth and diversity of USDA's programs and missions, we see strong evidence of Americans being good stewards of the land while also promoting economic growth and caring for one another. We believe there is tremendous opportunity for Americans to grow the economy responsibly while restoring citizens' faith in their government. Alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens, through a transparent process that improves the efficiency and effectiveness of our government, helps American society grow and prosper. Simply put, we believe USDA can and must do better and are committed to that end. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

From: Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC
To: [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Hearing Follow up
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:59:18 AM

Media just asked me for it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 14, 2017, at 9:56 AM, Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Just FYI...

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:56 AM
To: 'Aizcorbe, Christina' <Christina.Aizcorbe@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow up

We haven't yet, but it was something we were open to discussing with our FOIA team.

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From: Aizcorbe, Christina [<mailto:Christina.Aizcorbe@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Hearing Follow up

Thank you, Abbey. That is helpful. Since it may come up today, have you all posted or released these names in any way (whether online, in response to FOIA, etc?) Again appreciate you sharing.

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Aizcorbe, Christina <Christina.Aizcorbe@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC <Misty.Giles@osec.usda.gov>; Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC <Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov>

Subject: Hearing Follow up

Importance: High

The ethics agreement form is a standard form that we use in the USDA Office of Ethics. They tailor the form for each specific individual depending on their prior employment.

Also, I'm attaching our reg reform task force list, in case it's helpful. Only 5 of 42 members are political. 38 are career civil servants.

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To: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:41:43 PM

I am open 15 and 16, either of time day.

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 11:17 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

Please advise.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Koren, Michael" <Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>
Date: October 25, 2017 at 9:49:54 AM EDT
To: "Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: "Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

We are working on finalizing a date by COB. Could you check availability for the following dates and let me know what works.

November 2 (we may be able to do this date now), 7, 14, 15, 16 either 10am or 2pm.

Thank you!
Michael

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:59 PM
To: Koren, Michael <Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

Good deal. Just checking. We are standing by. Thank you.

Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations



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From: Koren, Michael [<mailto:Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

Thank you, Joby. Looking into it with counterparts. Will let you know as soon as I do.

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Koren, Michael <Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

Hi Michael,

Were you able to find any other potential dates?

Thanks,

Joby

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On Oct 20, 2017, at 1:26 PM, Koren, Michael <Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Will do. Thank you, we appreciate it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 20, 2017, at 1:19 PM, Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Michael,

I'm heading out of town next week. Please keep Joby Young
apprised of any possible dates.

Thanks,
Abbey

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From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Koren, Michael <Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: House Oversight and Government Reform -
Follow-up

Hi Michael, Unfortunately the eighth won't work for us nor
will the ninth. Are there any other days that month that
might work?

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On Oct 19, 2017, at 4:42 PM, Koren, Michael
<Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Abbey,

We now have some scheduling conflicts due to
a mark-up on 11/2. Could you please check if
11/8 at 10am works instead?

Thank you,
Michael

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
[<mailto:Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 1:49 PM
To: Koren, Michael

<Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>

Cc: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC

<Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

Michael,

I forgot to mention, I'll be out next week, so please loop in our chief Joby on anything we need to know.

Abbey

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From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 1:48 PM

To: 'Koren, Michael'

<Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary.

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From: Koren, Michael
[<mailto:Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

Thank you! Who should we address to the witness invite to? Name/Title, should it go to the Sec.?

We are still confirming with other agencies.

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
[<mailto:Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Koren, Michael
<Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

Confirmed! Have you confirmed other agency reg reform officers?

Abbey

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From: Koren, Michael
[<mailto:Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

Abbey,

Confirming, 2pm on 11/2 would work, right?

Thanks!
Michael

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
[<mailto:Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 2:57 PM
To: Koren, Michael
<Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Rother, Katy
<Katy.Rother@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: House Oversight and Government Reform - Follow-up

It does. Let me know if you go that way.

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On Oct 12, 2017, at 9:18 AM, Koren, Michael
<Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Abbey. We are considering Nov. 2nd. Could you please confirm that day will work for your RRO to testify?

From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC,
Washington, DC
[<mailto:Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 11,
2017 3:00 PM
To: Koren, Michael
<Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Rother, Katy
<Katy.Rother@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: House Oversight and
Government Reform - Follow-up

Hi Michael,

As discussed, the 24th will not work for USDA as we have a major conflict that can't be changed. However, the following week would be better. Let me know if that is a possibility.

Abbey

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 11, 2017, at 2:55 PM,
Koren, Michael
<Michael.Koren@mail.house.gov>
wrote:

Abbey,

Thank you for talking with me. As I mentioned on the phone call, the Committee is considering a hearing on October 24 with agencies that have done a stellar job in rolling out their regulatory task forces in accordance with the President's Executive Orders. The hearing would likely be scheduled for the morning, around 10 am. We would like to know if USDA's Regulatory Reform Officer, or a reasonable substitute member of the task force, would be available to testify. We would appreciate a response by close of business, so we may send out witness invitations tomorrow.

If you have any further questions or follow-up feel free to call me at (202) 593-8099.

Thank you,

Michael Koren
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Cc: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Please reconfirm RE: Request assist for testimony on Reg Reform for Nov 2 (NOW 14th) hearing and 16th for Secretary
Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 3:36:43 PM
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That would be me for now.

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From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Please reconfirm RE: Request assist for testimony on Reg Reform for Nov 2 (NOW 14th) hearing and 16th for Secretary

Given the new date, I think (b) (5) Deliberative

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Who would schedule for you now so we can set up a prep meeting?



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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Illenberg, Mike - OC, Washington, DC <Mike.Illenberg@oc.usda.gov>
Cc: Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <Meghan.Rodgers@oc.usda.gov>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Please reconfirm RE: Request assist for testimony on Reg Reform for Nov 2 (NOW 14th) hearing and 16th for Secretary
Importance: High

Mike - The hearing has been rescheduled to Nov 14th - will need something to edit ASAP. Please

confirm still possible to originate that written draft.

(b) (5) Deliberative



Thanks,
Reb

From: Illenberg, Mike - OC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <Meghan.Rodgers@oc.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Request assist for testimony on Reg Reform for Nov 2 hearing

Yes, I can help with this.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Illenberg, Mike - OC, Washington, DC <Mike.Illenberg@oc.usda.gov>
Cc: Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>; Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <Meghan.Rodgers@oc.usda.gov>
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Mike –

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Thanks for any help you can provide,
Reb



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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Hearing-House Oversight
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 1:22:10 PM
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See below



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From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Reg Reform Hearing-House Oversight

Excellent. What's your official title?



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Subject: Re: Reg Reform Hearing-House Oversight

No problem here

Rebeckah Adcock
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On Oct 18, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

House Oversight wants final confirmation of November 2nd at 2 p.m. for their hearing with you. Any problem with that time?

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From: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC

Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 1:53 PM

To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Reg Reform Hearing-House Oversight

Heidi blessed you ☺

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Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:26 AM

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Fine by me if cleared with Heidi.

Rebeckah Adcock

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On Oct 12, 2017, at 9:22 AM, Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Rebeckah,

They've countered with November 2nd for your reg reform hearing.
Would that work for you? (b) (5) Deliberative

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 1:14 PM
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On Oct 11, 2017, at 12:58 PM, Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Abbey.L.Fretz@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Rebeckah,

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee staff say they were so impressed with your briefing of them a few weeks ago on reg. reform efforts that they'd like you to testify, along with DOD and GSA, at a hearing on Tuesday,

October 24th on agencies that are leading the way on reg
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Wilkins, Jake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Regulatory reform task force
Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 4:04:58 PM

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From: Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Wilkins, Jake - OSEC, Washington, DC <Jake.Wilkins@osec.usda.gov>; Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC <Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <Meghan.Rodgers@oc.usda.gov>
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Subject: RE: Regulatory reform task force

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From: Wilkins, Jake - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>; Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC <Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <Meghan.Rodgers@oc.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Regulatory reform task force

Hey team—see below on the task force.

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Jake Wilkins

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From: Maxine Joselow [<mailto:mjoselow@eenews.net>]

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 3:03 PM

To: SM.OC.Press <Press@oc.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Regulatory reform task force

Hello,

I'm just following up since it's been a week and I haven't heard back. I'm still hoping to get a comment from someone at USDA on its regulatory reform task force, as well as the New York Times' recent coverage of the task force at EPA.

Thanks,
Maxine

From: Maxine Joselow

Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 4:08 PM

To: 'press@oc.usda.gov' <press@oc.usda.gov>

Subject: Regulatory reform task force

Hello,

I'm the regulations reporter for E&E News. I was hoping you could provide me with the names of members of USDA's regulatory reform task force, pursuant to [Executive Order 13777](#). My deadline is 5pm Tuesday, Oct. 17. Thanks for your consideration and looking forward to hearing back.

Sincerely,
Maxine

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Subject: RE: Request assist for testimony on Reg Reform for Nov 2 hearing
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 8:51:01 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Yes, I can help with this.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:31 PM
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Thanks for any help you can provide,
Reb



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Thanks,
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